2024 PGA TOUR: The CUT #1

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FINAU: Every season has its ups and downs. Every year you have to continue to dig deeper.

CANTLAY: I'm looking forward to competing against the best players in the world more often.

SCHEFFLER: With the new schedule you see a lot of guys fight their way into that top 50.

GLOVER There's always next week, there's always more stuff to play for, so it's easy to stay motivated.

FITZPATRICK: Next year the TOUR will be stronger and it'll keep getting better.

NAT: Marker.

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

NEW SEASON SETUP

MONAHAN: This marks a new era. The PGA TOUR is leading our sport forward. This was a bridge year to the schedule for 2024.

MARTIN: This is an exciting time for the PGA TOUR. It's a new schedule. It's innovative. And the biggest thing is there's something to play for every week.

KIM: I think the whole new strategy of like, ok we all play the same schedule, definitely rewards the good players and I think it's a great system and it's just kind of fair for everybody.

LEWIS: The PGA TOUR has always been exciting. But now as we look into 2024 and you're going to have the best players playing together more often. As a fan I mean what more can you ask for.

**WITH THE 2024 SEASON SET TO TEE OFF, THE FINAL SPRINT TO SECURE SPOTS IN THIS YEAR’S FIELDS CULMINATED DURING THE FEDEXCUP FALL WHICH BEGAN JUST TWO WEEKS AFTER THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP.**

LEWIS: You have to finish inside the top 125 at season's end and so there's heavy drama there because that gives you opportunities in 2024.

HOMA: I think it's going to be really exciting this year. There are people fighting for better status. I think it's really cool. The more I've thought about it, the more I see a lot of value in those events shaping the futures of people's careers.

ANNC: Oh! Luke List! That's what I'm talking about right there. His heart is beating out of his chest right now.

MARTIN: Playing well in this FedExCup Fall sets you up for a great start to the next season and it gives you kind of an upper hand on your competition.

BRADLEY: There's so much pressure. Your job is on the line. And I just find it to be remarkable to watch.

MARTIN: Collin Morikawa ends a two year winless drought. Tom Kim wins again after an up and down season. Erik van Rooyen changes his life while honoring a dying friend.

ANNC: Wow! Incredible finish. Look at that embrace. And a meaningful one to say the least.

MARTIN: It just shows the full spectrum of emotions of achievement and accomplishment that can be had in the FedExCup Fall.

NEW FORMAT EXPLAINER

**THE PGA TOUR RETURNS TO A CALENDAR YEAR SCHEDULE WITH INCREASED POINTS AVAILABLE FOR THE PLAYERS AND MAJORS AS WELL AS ITS EIGHT SIGNATURE EVENTS TO DETERMINE THE FEDEXCUP CHAMPION.**

**BUT THERE’S A LOT MORE TO KNOW!**

**THE FEDEXCUP REGULAR SEASON EVENTS BREAK DOWN INTO FOUR DIFFERENT CATEGORIES…EACH WITH VARIOUS POINT STRUCTURES.**

**THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE FOUR MAJORS INCREASE FROM 600 POINTS TO 750 FOR THE WINNER.**

**THE EIGHT SIGNATURE EVENTS CARRY THE SECOND-HIGHEST SHARE WITH 700 POINTS.**

**THE TOP 50 PLAYERS FROM 2023’S FEDEXCUP STANDINGS THROUGH THE BMW CHAMPIONSHIP ARE AUTOMATICALLY EXEMPT FOR EVERY SIGNATURE EVENT. CURRENT-YEAR TOURNAMENT WINNERS, PGA TOUR MEMBERS IN THE TOP 30 OF THE OFFICIAL WORLD GOLF RANKING, SPONSOR EXEMPTIONS, AND TOUR MEMBERS WHO PLAY THEIR WAY IN, FILL THE REST OF THE LIMITED FIELDS.**

**FULL-FIELD EVENTS STILL DELIVER A 500-POINT WIN TOTAL AND ADDITIONAL EVENTS, PLAYED THE SAME WEEK AS OTHER EVENTS, MAINTAIN 300 POINTS FOR THEIR CHAMPIONS.**

**BUT WAIT! THERE’S MORE!**

**THE 2024 PGA TOUR SCHEDULE FEATURES 36 OFFICIAL FEDEXCUP EVENTS HIGHLIGHTED BY THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP, THE MAJORS, AND THE SIGNATURE EVENTS.**

**IN ADDITION TO THE TOP 50 PLAYERS IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR’S FEDEXCUP STANDINGS WHO AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFY FOR ALL SIGNATURE EVENTS, PLAYERS CAN QUALIFY VIA “HE AON NEXT 10…THE TOP 10 PLAYERS IN THE CURRENT FEDEXCUP STANDINGS AS THE SEASON PROGRESSES WHO ARE NOT ALREADY ELIGIBLE.**

**PLAYERS WHO GET HOT THROUGHOUT THE SEASON CAN GET IN VIA THE AON SWING 5. THESE ARE THE TOP 5 FEDEXCUP POINTS EARNERS IN THE STRETCHES BETWEEN SIGNATURE EVENTS WHO ARE NOT ALREADY QUALIFIED.**

**SO HOW DO PLAYERS QUALIFY FOR THE FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS? AFTER THE FINAL EVENT OF THE REGULAR SEASON, THE WYNDHAM CHAMPIONSHIP, THE TOP 70 PLAYERS IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FEDEX ST. JUDE CHAMPIONSHIP. THESE PLAYERS ARE ALSO EXEMPT FOR ALL FULL-FIELD EVENTS AND THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP IN 2025.**

**AFTER THE FIRST LEG OF THE PLAYOFFS IN MEMPHIS, THE TOP 50 IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS NOT ONLY QUALIFY FOR THE BMW CHAMPIONSHIP BUT WILL ALSO QUALIFY FOR THE SIGNATURE EVENTS IN 2025.**

**FOR THE FINAL EVENT AT EAST LAKE, THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP, THE TOP 30 PLAYERS BATTLE TO HOIST THE FEDEXCUP AND ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE EXEMPT FOR THE MAJORS.**

**AND ONCE THE SEASON ENDS WITH THE CROWNING OF A NEW FEDEXCUP CHAMPION, THERE’S THE FEDEXCUP FALL, WHERE PLAYERS COMPETE TO IMPROVE OR SECURE THEIR STATUS FOR THE 2025 SEASON…**

**…BUT THAT’S *ANOTHER* VIDEO…**

**FIRST TIMERS AT THE SENTRY**

ANNC: Is there a better way to open the calendar year on the PGA TOUR? The incomparable and breathtaking scenery of Kapalua on the island of Maui. It all adds up to one of the more magical settings in all of golf.

**THE 2024 PGA TOUR SEASON AND ITS BEST PLAYERS START AT THE SENTRY. WITH ITS ELITE FIELD, UNPARALLELED ISLAND BEAUTY AND ALOHA SPIRIT**, **THE SENTRY SETS THE TONE FOR A NEW YEAR AND A FRESH START**~~.~~

SPIETH: Qualifying for this tournament is obviously a number one goal on the year. It's also an opportunity to get off to a good start to the season and it's done a lot for me in the past.

MORIKAWA: The views are beautiful, I love Hawaii. When you're spending the new year at Kapalua it means you're doing something right.

CLARK: The 50 best players and the people who won last year and I've just always looked at that event and been a little jealous that I was never there.

ANNC: This is the moment he’s been dreaming of. In memory of his mom!

CLARK: I'm just so happy and appreciative that I get to go play and compete against the best players and enjoy Maui.

**CLARK IS ONE OF 18 FIRST TIMERS AT THIS YEAR’S THE SENTRY.**

**AS THE FIRST OF EIGHT SIGNATURE EVENTS DURING THE 2024 SEASON, THE SENTRY WELCOMES TOUR WINNERS FROM THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR, INCLUDING FEDEXCUP FALL WINNERS… AND NON-WINNERS WHO FINISHED INSIDE THE TOP 50 IN THE 2022-23 FEDEXCUP STANDINGS.**

ANNC: Savor the moment Ludvig, you are now a PGA TOUR winner.

ANNC: Vincent Norrman is officially a PGA TOUR winner!

ANNC: Step aside all you superstars, Kitayama’s in the winner’s circle.

ANNC: Akshay Bhatia! That is such a huge, huge win for this young kid.

BHATIA: For it to happen this year was special. Temporary status and now I’ll get to play all these events. Can’t even describe it.

WYNDHAM CLARK: I’ve always wanted to be at this tournament. And I've always wanted to win a PGA TOUR event, always wanted to be looked at as one of the top players.

**THE SENTRY SHOWCASES ONE OF THE MOST ACCOMPLISHED LIMITED FIELDS AS THE RACE FOR THE FEDEXCUP COMMENCES.**

TV TIMES

**AMONG THE PLAYERS IN HAWAII ARE 3 FORMER CHAMPIONS LOOKING TO GET THEIR 2024 SEASONS OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT WHEN PLAY BEGINS IN KAPALUA ON THURSDAY.**

AT HOME WITH SAHITH THEEGALA

**ONE YEAR AGO, SAHITH THEEGALA WAS AMONG THE FIRST TIMERS AT THE SENTRY, AND 3 MONTHS AGO HE EARNED HIS FIRST CAREER VICTORY.**

ANNC: Sahith Theegala is a winner on the PGA TOUR!

**THE CULMINATION OF A LIFETIME OF HARD WORK FOR THE CALIFORNIA PRODUCT.**

THEEGALA: Chino Hills. I feel like it's just far enough where if you're a local, you don't call it L.A., right? 30 miles away. My dad worked in downtown L.A. when I was growing up. I really don't think I can say enough about my dad. He's a genius. He went to essentially the MIT of India. So he put in a lot of hours and basically hustled got his masters, drove to California with nothing, and was just like, 'all right, I'm going to figure it out, get a job and try and make a living and raise a family.

When he came over to the States, he kind of just fell in love with sports.

MURLI THEEGALA NAT: Good!

THEEGALA: My parents did an awesome job of kind of putting me in every sport.

MURLI THEEGALA: I was watching a lot of Lakers. Then he started playing basketball. All day would be running around playing basketball.

I didn't know much about golf until, you know, Tiger came and then I started watching golf like crazy and watching every major, every event.

I said, 'okay, do you want to go and, hit some balls on the range?' He said, 'Yeah.' When he hit the ball, he hit it on the button. I said, 'oh, there is some skill level in this boy.' He loved it.

THEEGALA: It feels like home. This will always be home to me. It's just unconditional support, no matter good or bad. Along with my mom, who did a lot of sacrifices herself.

She made like 3 of my favorite meals today.

Did all the little stuff for me that every mom just seem to have this innate ability to do.

KARUNA THEEGALA: I tried it a few years ago and the kids liked it. Very, very spicy.

THEEGALA: I could eat this whole bowl.

MURLI THEEGALA: That's what he does actually. He just sits around and eats those.

SAHITH SOT: I'm more and more thankful every single day for both of them, but especially kind of how my dad progressed me into golf.

MURLI THEEGALA: Good shot.

This is the first time when he won the junior world championship when he was six years old. That is a cool one. People said, 'hey, you're wearing tennis shoes and you don't have a collared shirt. We won't let you come into the tournament.'

THEEGALA: I didn't have golf clothes. I just showed up in normal clothes because we didn't want to spend money on golf clothes.

MURLI THEEGALA: You go to a public golf course and you see everybody doing that, so I thought that was norm.

Everybody's educationally focused in our culture where we come from because they know that's bread and butter. So my dad would ask, 'okay, he came in second in that golf tournament.' But then the next question was, 'how did you do in academics?' Until he came down when he was eight or nine, he watched in a tournament he said, 'he's good, he's good.'

ANNC: The competitive savvy Sahith knew how to execute his chips, and he did it to perfection.

MURLI THEEGALA: Now I got a consensus from my dad. Now I said okay, now I'm in a little more safer hands. Because before I was like, fighting. Am I doing right thing?

THEEGALA: 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 THEEGALA: 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.

THEEGALA: I'm so lucky.

KURANA THEEGALA: 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.

THEEGALA: Nineteen, still called baby all the time.

THEEGALA: 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.

THEEGALA: I'm just really happy I can kind of lead as an example for that. Just knowing that it's been done by other golfers such as myself is definitely inspiration for the next generation which is really, really cool. And I think you're already starting to see that effect. My hope is that worldwide, but especially in India, golf is more accessible. Having those opportunities for those kids that are not as privileged for sure would be huge. And hopefully we're getting we're making a step towards that.

RAPID RECOVERY

**THE CUT PRESENTS… RAPID RECOVERY.**

**LAST YEAR AT THE SENTRY, AS 2023 KICKED OFF, TOM HOGE MADE HIS FIRST APPEARANCE AT THE TOURNAMENT, PREPARED TO UTILIZE HIS SKILLSET.**

HOGE: I feel like my biggest strength is kind of wedges, short irons and my iron play has always been a strength.

ANNC: Somehow Tom Hoge has found his tee shot at 13. Grass is up to his knees. Look at how much club he got on that one. Landed on the green. That folks is the best shot I have seen at that hole.

Come on, wait a minute, he made a 3. From the pineapple fields. Unbelievable. I mean that had 6 written all over it.

HOGE: I’ve just tried to take the mindset that I’m trying to get better each day. Try to be a little bit more consistent, make a few more cuts and keep going to work.

**HOGE’S SKILLED RECOVERY SHOTS MADE HIS MISHAP LIKE IT NEVER EVEN HAPPENED, HELPING LEAD TO A TOP 3 FINISH AND HE RETURNS TO KAPALUA THIS YEAR.**

SIGNATURE EVENT CINDERELLAS

**HERE ARE 5 PLAYERS WHO COULD PLAY THE ROLL OF CINDERELLA THIS SEASON AND WIN A SIGNATURE EVENT ACCORDING TO PGATOUR.COM’S KEVIN PRISE.**

ANNC: He’s dangerous with the flatstick. How about that, Adam Schenk! He did himself proud, he did his family proud… he'll have to wait a little longer.

**WITH SEVEN TOP TENS, INCLUDING 2 RUNNER UP FINISHES, 31-YEAR-OLD ADAM SCHENK FINISHED THE SEASON TIED FOR NINETH IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS.**

SCHENK: It's incredibly hard to win out here. I've had a decent amount of luck to even finish second. So, great weeks. If you keep knocking on the door enough times, eventually you'll walk through.

**DENNY MCCARTHY ENDED LAST SEASON 33RD IN FEDEXCUP STANDINGS WITH EIGHT TOP TENS INCLUDING ONE RUNNER UP FINISH, AFTER LOSING IN A PLAYOFF AT JACK’S PLACE. HE FINISHED THE SEASON 3RD IN STROKES GAINED PUTTING.**

ANNC: And this is what he’s known for. Just putts beautifully.

MCCARTHY: My putter's, that's the strength of my game. I feel like I can make every putt and that's a great feeling to have, especially when you're coming down the stretch. I'm seeing some really good strides and looking forward to playing some more championship high-level golf coming up.

ANNC: We’ve got a great story brewing here in Eric Cole. And he’s got it! 70 feet triple breaker!

**IN HIS ROOKIE SEASON, ERIC COLE CARDED SEVEN TOP TENS, FOUR OF WHICH CAME IN THE FEDEXCUP FALL.**

COLE: Obviously would have wanted to be here sooner but in a way it’s a little sweeter for me because it took so long, and I worked so hard. It is tough on a 35-year-old rookie to play against 23-year-olds that have all these skills and are ready to compete.

ANNC: That folks, is 134 feet of putts today, and when you have that kind of putting day you just wonder, is it my turn?

ANNC: Shot of the day, Nick Hardy. How about that?! He broke his club, that’s full commitment on that swing knowing that was going to happen.

**WITH TEN TOP TWENTY-FIVE FINISHES INCLUDING A BREAKOUT WIN AT THE ZURICH CHAMPIONSHIP, NICK HARDY FINISHED 52ND IN THE FEDEXCUP LAST SEASON.**

ANNC: Nick Hardy & Davis Riley, first career PGA TOUR Victories!

HARDY: It's been nice to have some security for the next couple years out here. I think I'm able to take a deep breath and look at the big picture and look at the long view of how I'm going to be the best player I can.

ANNC: The toughest hole on the golf course during this final round. 236 yards. What a beautiful long iron into the tough par 3 there from Hardy.

HARDY: I feel like I keep on getting better at my own pace.

RODGERS: There are many paths to the PGA TOUR. The most difficult part of that quest has just been patience. I feel like I'm a veteran out here by now and so I definitely feel like I'm hitting my stride.

ANNC: Looking for his first PGA TOUR win.

**LAST SEASON, PATRICK RODGERS RECORDED 5 TOP TENS AND 9 TOP TWENTY-FIVES. THE 31-YEAR-OLD CAME CLOSE TO HIS FIRST CAREER WIN IN A PLAYOFF LOSS AT THE BARRACUDA CHAMPIONSHIP**

RODGERS: Obviously disappointed. I felt like I had control of the tournament. I'll come back stronger. I like the way my game is headed. I love putting myself in these positions. I know I'll be better for it next time.

COLLIN MORIKAWA & XANDER SCHAUFFELE ON HAWAI’I

MORIKAWA: I mean, is there a better place to start the year? As a little kid we loved going out there whether is was Maui or Oahu or Kauai or wherever it was. Just thinking back at the small memories. We walked into Kapalua, I remember sitting on the kinda bench near where we walk out of our locker room. Like that stuff I’m never going to forget and obviously now starting the season there, it’s everything.

SCHAUFFELE: Hawai’i means peace, tranquility. My first vacation that I ever went on with my wife was on Kauai. We still talk about Kauai and our first vacation together and how it was the most relaxing destination and spot and the best we’ve ever felt after traveling somewhere.

The people have a connection with the ocean and land. That’s what makes the Hawaiian culture so special. There’s an appreciation there that is different than the main land and when you’re in Hawai’i you can really feel it.

MORIKAWA: What happened in Lahaina, it’s going to be very eerie to think back this is the place I’ve had a lot of history. My grandparents had a restaurant out there on front street but to me ohana is… it’s not just surface level any more right? It really sinks into my heart and I really haven’t had many things in my life that you know when you think of a certain word or you think of something and the meaning hits you that hard and this is something that really does now.

SCHAUFFELE: There’s so many foundations and so many people that are trying to help rebuild and help so many people that have been affected by the fire.

MORIKAWA: I’ve donated to Maui United Way and also World Central Kitchen, two non-profits I wanted to help out. Anyone reaching out, please just whether it’s just visiting the TOUR website, looking at that, looking at ways to help out, it’s just… it means so much.

ANNC: It is the first championship Sunday on the PGA TOUR and what a setting to watch the drama unfold. Welcome to Maui!

SCHAUFFELE: Being on site means that you’ve had a really good year. It’s a reward not just for us players but for teams and our families.

MORIKAWA: When we’re put on the ocean and you’re playing golf, at least for myself, I can actually understand and realize where I am in the world right, and just enjoy the views and realize that I’m very, very lucky to be in this position playing golf.

SCHAUFFELE: There’s no place like starting in Hawai’i.

NEW SEASON HYPE

ANNC: Is there a better place to open up the year on the PGA TOUR?

ANNC: Si Woo Kim is your champion.

ANNC: From beautiful La Quinta, California, it's The American Express.

ANNC: Max Homa! Another win on California soil!

ANNC: Here at one of the world's great golf courses.

ANNC: Justin Rose is the winner!

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler is again the champion in Phoenix.

ANNC: This is the best, deepest field they’ve ever had.

ANNC: Tony Finau, it's his second win of the season.

ANNC: Kirk is a winner again!

ANNC: Kurt Kitayama for victory!

ANNC: Echavarria a winner on the PGA TOUR!

ANNC: The Scheffler victory train just keeps on rolling.

ANNC: Taylor Moore has won for the first time on the PGA TOUR.

ANNC: You could not have scripted that better.

ANNC: He has taken the world by storm.

ANNC: One of the big weeks on the golf calendar has arrived.

ANNC: Harbortown is the family paradise!

ANNC: Matt Wallace is now a PGA TOUR winner.

ANNC: Oh he made it! Amazing!

ANNC: Jason Day for the first time in five years is a winner.

ANNC: This is the moment he’s been dreaming of.

ANNC: How big of a day this is going to be.

ANNC: Emiliano Grillois a winner!

ANNC: The drought is over! History, history!

ANNC: Viktor Hovland has won the Memorial Tournament.

ANNC: You can start the engraving if this goes in.

ANNC: New England’s very own!

ANNC: And Rickie returns to the winner’s circle.

ANNC: Sepp Straka is your winner!

ANNC: A record day for Rory. What a finish!

ANNC: Brian in perfect harmony at Hoylake.

ANNC: That is such a huge win.

ANNC: The dream now a reality.

ANNC: Lucas Glover goes back-to-back!

ANNC: Viktor Hovland at his absolute best!

ANNC: The race for the FedExCup comes down to this.

ANNC: Viktor is victorious in Hotlanta.