SEGMENT ONE

COLD OPEN

SPIETH: Hey Sonny, how you doing?   
SONNY: Nice to see you.   
SPIETH: Good to see you, you doing all right?  
SONNY: Yes sir.  
SPIETH: Nice hat.  
SONNY: Thanks. I wore it just for you.  
SPIETH: Yeah, appreciate that. You've been playing much?  
SONNY: Uh yes sir.  
SPIETH: UT Club or…?

SONNY: UT, yeah.   
SPIETH: Good. You get to get down to that short course a lot.   
SONNY: Uh, yes.

SPIETH: Work on your wedge game? Because that was the intention of it. Sixteenth here, you’re going to hit?   
DAD: Shot at Glory today!

SPIETH: Ah man!  
GIRL: What tips do you have?

SPIETH: Look for the flag in the back because you won't know where the wind is because it's a dome. That's where we get thrown off the most there the rest of it is just enjoy it. I mean it is what it is right?   
DAD: That's exactly right.

TITLES

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR, THE CUT.**

JORDAN SPIETH MEETS SONNY  
SPIETH: You do most your golf at UT when you're able to play?   
SONNY: Uh, yeah, I do. All my friends live out there too.

SPIETH: Oh, good. So, you got a good crew. That's when I was growing up, that was the most fun was I just love to play I wasn't like a huge grinder, but we had a bunch of other juniors out there so we just someone was always into play, you know? Do they still have the junior AllStars? Do you know? It's like the 13- to 15-year-old division? I played those and then when I was 14, I was kind of playing more of the regular ones, 14,15.

SONNY: Did you play any of those like legends [yep] you and your friends like Hannon?

SPIETH: Yeah, that’s what I was playing before.  
SONNY: Yeah, I'm in like the SDPGA ones and then hopefully I can play in the Hannon one SPIETH: Gotcha.

SPIETH: Definitely thought it was a little better than this. Sit. Down. Oh, too much. Right idea. If it's that to get in the bunker, um, I’m gonna hit 3-wood all day because it's it. If I were to rip it and it goes into bunker, it's great. You know? Yeah.

MICHAEL GRELLER: You like 3-wood there, Sonny?  
SONNY: I do.

MICHAEL GRELLER: Okay. We’re gonna hit it.  
SPIETH: Why not.

GRELLER: Sonny, what are your thoughts on Texas football?

SONNY: Think we’re gonna be pretty good. Really good.  
GRELER: You think you’re gonna be good in the SEC?   
SONNY: Really good, realy good this year.   
GRELLER: You gonna beat Michigan next year?  
SONNY: Yes. JJ McCarthy’s gone.  
GRELLER: True.  
SPIETH: We play Michigan and he's a big Michigan fan.   
SONNY: Oh you are?  
GRELLER: I was born and raised in Michigan so, Jordan and I are planning to go to that game.

SPIETH: You want to chip it for me?   
SONNY: Uh, sure.   
SPIETH: All right. Should be pretty quick. I just go right at it. Just like try and land it just onto the green screen.

SONNY: Hit it like that?  
SPIETH: Yeah, the wire in your way or you good?   
SONNY: No.   
SPIEHT: Nothing bothers you when you're that age. Nice. Nice chip. Stay there. Stay there. Great shot. Good work. Go pick that one up. No bogeys on Wednesday’s.   
GRELLER: You chipped beautiful.  
SONNY: Thanks.

GRELLER: Some short game there at work.

SONNY: Thank you. I was gonna chunk it but…

GRELLER: That was perfect. Pretty impressive. Pros would take that one.   
SPIETH: What's the rest of the day look like?

SONNY: I have no clue. This is a whole surprise.   
SPIETH: He's gonna go hit the shot at glory?

SONNY: I guess I have to lead it off.   
SPIETH: Oh, you do? Sweet!  
SONNY: And then Nick Saban goes behind me so…

SPIETH: Oh perfect. Well, you know he's not going to do very good. So he's been busy. So awesome, man. I'll be looking out for the shot. [Alright.] Good luck. Watch that flag. [Thanks.] Make sure you play that flag.   
SONNY: Alright, I will. Thank you.   
SPIETH: You got it. You gonna put your horns up?

MICHAEL PHELPS: I’m the defending champ, you’re gonna get me this year.  
EMCEE: Teeing off the Whoop Shot at Glory, this is Sonny! Make some noise! Sonny what a shot! At the flag! Make some noise for Sonny!

JUSTIN THOMAS ON 16

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BUMP

**COMING UP…**

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**THE PGA TOUR WIVES ASSOCIATION TAKES IT BACK TO THE ROARING 20S …FOR A GOOD CAUSE!**

**AND LATER…PLAYERS ‘TALK TIGER TEXTS’ AHEAD OF HIS RETURN TO COMPETITION.**

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SEGMENT THREE

PGA TOUR WIVES ASSOCIATION

Tawny Putnam: We're all here for the same reason to give back. That's what the PGA TOUR wives Association does. The golf community shows up and supports each other. Thank you for making this happen. We are so grateful for you guys.

Amanda Hadley: This is one of the most fun days on the PGA TOUR wives calendar. We do a lot of events throughout the year. There's a lot of different charities we go work with one on one.

Amanda Hadley: Today it's just players and wives. The wives play, the guys caddie. They give us way more golf advice than we need. They give us like specific yardages and clubs and we're just trying to make contact with the ball.

Chesson Hadley: My wife hits it left to right. Every shot, every shot goes left to right. It's fun to let your hair down a little bit, have a drink and enjoy you know, just a fun nine holes with you know my wife and obviously some other wives.

Chesson Hadley: We've got a great group Scottie Scheffler, Sam Burns, Stuart Cink and Charlie Hoffman, so there's not a lot of seriousness going on in our group.

Chesson Hadley: Our wives are so supportive of us and so it's great for us to come out support them and obviously we're supporting a greater cause. We have a really big platform out here on the PGA TOUR, to be able to use that and get back is huge.

Chesson Hadley: I'm sorry, this thing is it's done. It’s done. Had enough. Wardrobe change.

Tawny Putnam: We're all in it shoulder to shoulder trying to make a difference and change people's lives and that's what the Thunderbirds do too.

Tawny Putnam: On behalf of the PGA TOUR Wives Association, we want to say thank you guys for what you do in the community.

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WM PHOENIX OPEN RECAP  
*16.1 REGULATION ANNC: Gotta take dead aim here.*

NICK TAYLOR (BIRDIE ON 16): Charley was at 21, so I knew in the back of my mind I needed to make at least two birdies. The number and the wind was perfect for what I needed to hit. It was a 9-iron. I started it at the 16 in the background and drew it in, and it worked out perfect.

*16.1 REGULATION ANNC CONT: Looks like it’s drawing to it. And Taylor is lined up to get to 20-under.*

*16.2 BIRDIE ANNC: This is from 5 and a half feet finds the bottom of the hole, huge birdie by Taylor.*

SOT 2 NICK TAYLOR (BIRDIE ON 16 CONT): The birdie on 16 was huge to give me a little buffer the last couple holes.

*18.1 & 18. ANNC: The mission is clear. Gotta have a birdie. Knows what he needs.*

*18.2 IN REG: Good looking shot. Oh wow it’s all over it. Does this guy have a flare for the dramatic to maybe pull out this one!*

NICK TAYLOR AT 18 IN REG: It was kind of a win-win in the sense where I had nothing to lose. If it missed, I finished solo second, so I just gave it a run.

*18.3 IN REG: Nick Taylor has done it again. What a finish. Three birdies in the last four holes to catch Hoffman at the last.*

NICK TAYLOR**:** I had good vibes all week after the start, the finish was pretty dreamlike.

GRFX: 2ND PLAYOFF HOLE  
*18.3 IN PLAYOFF TO WIN: For another win for Nick Taylor. Absolute unreal stuff in the desert for Nick Taylor. Another playoff win!*

GRFX: COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP TEN LOWER  
**NICK TAYLOR VAULTS UP 51 PLACES TO SECURE A SPOT INSIDE THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP TEN.**

NICK TAYLOR: Making all those putts when I needed to was a lot of fun, and the atmosphere has been incredible all week.

MUSIC CHANGE: THE GREEN LEAF – PROB AROUND :58 SECONDS GTP\_GTP\_0375\_01001*FEDEXCUP STANDINGS GRFX***WITH HIS 4TH CAREER VICTORY, TAYLOR CLIMBS INTO 6TH IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS AND SETS HIS SIGHTS ON TWO OF THE BIG INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS TAKING PLACE LATER THIS SEASON.**

NICK TAYLOR: The Olympics and the Presidents Cup were big time on the top of my goal list. I knew playing good golf would take care of that. I would love nothing more than to play in those two events and couldn't ask for a better start.

SEGMENT THREE

THE GENESIS INVITATIONAL TEASER

Lyrics: Welcome to LA, welcome to LA.  
  
*ANNC: One of the most challenging courses on the PGA TOUR. Part of the Lore of Riviera, steeped in Los Angeles area legends, a field of luminaries is here pursuing a piece of their own tournament history.*

**LOOKING TO BUILD ON THE LEGACY AT RIVIERA, CHASE JOHNSON WILL JOIN THE FIELD AS THE RECEPIENT OF THE CHARLIE SIFFORD MEMORIAL EXEMPTION – WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO MINORITY GOLFERS SINCE 2009.**

TIGER WOODS: Charlie was basically my grandfather on Tour. He was always there for me. He paved the way for blacks to play in the game of golf. He knocked down the Caucasian clause and they come full circle. And to be able to come full circle and be able to honor him at this at this event where it started for him, it's very appropriate.

TIGER SOT 1: I was lucky enough to get an invitation to the L.A. Open at the time. I got an invitation to play Byron's event, Mr. Nelson's event, Arnold's event. These opportunities allow you to see what it's like to be out here, to see what it's like to play at this level. And then you go back and you can work on it and get better. But you need to have opportunities. I think these kids deserve it and there's no better person than to honor that than Charlie.

*ANNC: Tiger Woods getting the golf world buzzing!*

**JOHNSON WILL TEE IT UP IN A FIELD THAT INCLUDES TOURNAMENT HOST TIGER WOODS…**

**WHO MAKES HIS 20-24 SEASON DEBUT ON ONE OF GOLF’S GRANDEST STAGES.**

*ANNC: Riviera Country Club, which opened up back in 1926, has stood the test of time.*

WHY RIVIERA IS SPECIAL

*ANNC: Nothing but stars to be found here at the Genesis Invitational.*

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: Riv is obviously special. Its got a lot of history and it is sort of a course that people talk about being their favorite.

JUSTIN THOMAS SOT: I always love going to Riviera.

*ANNC: Riviera so much history held here.*

LUCAS GLOVER SOT: It's just good. It's old school. It's good. It's not overly long.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER SOT: It doesn't really suit necessarily one style of play, which is important.

MAX HOMA SOT: The architecture is amazing. It's the best back nine it's got a lot of unbelievable holes and I don't really think any bad holes

WYNDHAM CLARK SOT: You genuinely wake up every day going man I am so excited to play this golf course.

JUSTIN THOMAS SOT: It's arguably the best golf course we play all year.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: The way it plays is really fun and really fair. Not having any sort of like water hazards or OB or crazy things. It's very playable. And it’s sort of timeless.

*ANNC: That’ll help! What? Slam dunk on him MJ’s birthday.*

MAX HOMA SOT: It's really in front of you. There's no hazards. There's really not much OB

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER SOT: Riviera is one of those places that when you put on paper doesn't seem like a very difficult golf course. And then you go out there and play and you're like holy smokes, this place is so hard.

*ANNC: This is really fast coming from up here on the right hand side. Look at this. How good is this shot? Oh my gosh, I thought he made it.*

MAX HOMA SOT: It's actually probably my favorite part about Riv in general is if you move a pin on a lot of the greens it can go from one of the easier holes on the course to one of the harder.

*ANNC: Oh, look at this. You're just not supposed to be able to do that from there.*

LUCAS GLOVER SOT: You’ve got to hit every club and every shot.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: You can hit so many good shots out there and not necessarily get the reward you expect.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: It just challenges you in so many different ways. I think that's why guys like it so much.

MAX HOMA SOT: The Kuya Pollyannas is super tricky leading up to the green.

*ANNC: Got it the check travel a little. Fantastic.*

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: You’ve gotta hit such great shots in order to make birdies out there. You can hit a lot of good shots that go to 20 feet and you walk out of there with another par. And then all of a sudden you look at leaderboard and somebodies already hit 6-under because they were hitting great shots instead of good ones

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: Winning score doesn't really vary too much as long as Mother Nature cooperates. Riv is definitely a special one.

TV TIMES

**THE SEASON’S THIRD SIGNATURE EVENT BEGINS THIS THURSDAY AT ICONIC RIVIERA COUNTRY CLUB WHERE AN ELITE FIELD LOOKS TO TAKE HOME THE TROPHY…AND THE 700 FEDEXCUP POINTS.**

THE GENESIS INVITATIONAL WRAP WITH AON NEXT TEN / SWING FIVE

**TEEING IT UP FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THIS SPECIAL PLACE ARE SOME NEW FACES…LIKE LUDVIG ABERG…**

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

**AND BEN GRIFFIN.**

*GRIFFIN ANNC: Ben Griffin has had a nice early start to his career.*

**WHILE TAYLOR MONTOGMERY MAKES HIS SECOND START AT THE GENESIS INVITATIONAL.**

*MONTGOMERY ANNC: Had that great run to secure his spot in the next signature events at Genesis. So, keep an eye on these guys as they try to keep their momentum going from the fall.*

*GRFX 1:* **ALL THREE EARNED THEIR WAY INTO THE GENESIS INVITATIONAL VIA THE AON NEXT TEN, WHICH AWARDS STARTS TO THE TOP 10 PLAYERS, NOT ALREADY EXEMPT, FROM THE 2023 FEDEXCUP STANDINGS.**

**MEANWHILE PLAYERS LIKE CHRISTIAAN BEZUIDEHOUT AND CHARLEY HOFFMAN…HAVE EARNED THEIR WAY INTO THE FIELD VIA THE…**

*GRFX 2:* **AON SWING FIVE, WHICH REWARDS THE TOP FIVE FEDEXCUP POINTS EARNERS THIS SEASON, WHO ARE NOT ALREADY EXEMPT, WITH STARTS AT RIVIERA BASED ON THEIR PLAY IN THE FULL FIELD EVENTS LEADING IN TO THE GENESIS INVITATIONAL.**

*ANNC: Only 80 players are in at the Genesis. So getting a spot in one of those signature events without a cut, you can really make some hay, it's a huge deal.*

SERVPRO

**THE CUT PRESENTS RAPID RECOVERY.**

**PATRICK CANTLAY STARTED THE FINAL ROUND OF THE 2023 GENESIS INVITATIONAL IN 4TH PLACE.**

CANTLAY SOT: I'm really comfortable around here. I know the lines really well and I've hit every tee shot so many times that I feel comfortable on pretty much every tee.

**FOURTH IN STROKES GAINED AROUND THE GREEN FOR THE WEEK, CANTLAY PARLAYED HIS EXPERIENCE AT RIVIERA INTO IMPRESSIVE RECOVERY SHOTS…**

*ANNC: Cantlay in the bunker, was that a good sound or what, what a shot. Love the sound of bunker shots when they’re good.*

**ERASING MISCUES LIKE THEY NEVER EVEN HAPPENED.**

*ANNC: Upsloping lie, not much wiggle room. Spectacular. First in class.*

CANTLAY SOT: I've played on this grass growing up and played this golf course a lot. It's different than any other week on Tour and so I'm just really comfortable.

**CANTLAY FIRED A 4-UNDER PAR 67 EN ROUTE TO TOP 3 FINISH.**

SEGMENT FOUR  
TIGER TEXTS

PRODUCER: What's it like when the phone buzzes? It's Tiger Woods

JORDAN SPIETH: Typically if you look down and you see it says Tiger Woods, it's kind of the first one that you open.

JASON DAY: Tiger's funny one. It's typically sometimes it could be like, “hey, man, like great f-ing job” or, and I'm being very blunt with you here, it would be like, “what the f did you do on that hole?”   
  
RICKIE FOWLER: Tiger doesn't really sugarcoat anything. He's going to tell you how it is, whether you play poorly or, you know, you play well.

MAX HOMA: I still think it's the competitor likes jabbing at you and always, you know, say something to make you feel bad.

JUSTIN THOMAS: At the end of 2017, you know, my best season on tour won five times. I just finished one in the FedEx Cup, won a major. And one of the first texts again, I had when I got done was Tiger and it was “congrats, now do that nine more times. And that's what I've done in my career.”

JASON DAY : And I'm like, I'm like, “Dude, I'll try it. I'll try to play my best.” I didn't mean to hit it in the trees, you know what I mean? And then, like, typically after that, I sit there and ask him questions after, you know, because that's kind of like an I feel like it's an open invitation to go, “Hey, what would you do in that situation?”

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: We need each other a lot. I don't think he's very good at it. I think he's lost his touch a little bit. He's a little bit older now, and I think he's a little bit out of the loop on sort of what's cool now for younger guys, but I like to needle him a bunch .  
  
DAVIS LOVE III: Sometimes you can't get him to answer. And then sometimes you might wish that he didn't answer because he won't stop. And then sometimes he responds at 3:30 in the morning rather than at 8:00 when you texted him in the evening.

JORDAN SPIETH: It's cool because he's invested in watching, is invested in the game.

JUSTIN THOMAS: He knows what's going on. He's he's a golf fan. He's a he's a nerd. He's a dork. He'll be the first one to tell you.   
  
TONY FINAU: I remember one year I was playing Bay Hill. I texted him, ask him about how how did he approach this golf course with so much success? You'd be surprised the lengths that he'll go to to send you a text back and say, this is what I was thinking, this is what I did, and this is how I feel like you should execute that.   
  
RICKIE FOWLER: Going from the 100% competitor and wanting to kill you on the golf course to see that transition over the last eight, ten years, giving some of his knowledge and sharing that with other players.

RORY MCILROY: I just couldn't wait to play golf after watching him play. I just remember thinking, I want to be like him. And he still is, you know, my hero. And it's pretty cool to get to know him but ever since this all I wanted to do was try to be like him.

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RORY MCILROY SOT: To a lot of people he is golf, and I think he will remain that way. A lot of the things that I'm doing with Tiger, or just the relationship that we have, I feel very fortunate that we have that relationship.

JUSTIN THOMAS SOT: I have to kind of pinch myself or remind myself sometimes, you know, that this is the dude that I idolized and wanted to be like more than anything growing up. And I don't think in my wildest dreams I would ever imagine being a texter, a phone call away from Tiger. So it's pretty cool.   
  
DAVIS LOVE III: The text was, “Can you call me?” And I said, “Yeah, I'll call you later.” And he goes, “No, now.” And that was when he told me that I was going to be the President's Cup captain. So, you never know. Wind is going to come and you never know what it's going to be, but you dang sure better answer Tiger texts you.

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