*SEGMENT ONE*

TEASE

*ANNC: Kirk steps in and, he’s a winner on the PGA TOUR.*

KIRK SOT: Amazing just coming back on property and a lot of good memories from last year for sure.

*ANNC: McIlroy has finally realized his dream. He has ascended to the top of the world.*

MCILROY SOT: It's become a place that I call home now, so always nice to ~~I guess~~ achieve a lifelong ambition.

*LYRIC: Coming home to you coming home to you.*

MCILROY SOT: With a new sponsor coming in in Cognizant, I thought it would be a good time to step up and show some support for the tournament.

VILLEGAS SOT: I'm very thankful to Cognizant for the seven-year commitment to this tournament.

*ANNC: And that is a beautiful way to end the week for Camilo Villegas!*

*LYRIC I’ve been missing you.*

VILLEGAS SOT: Very excited to be here. I'm looking forward to a special week in what I call my home.

FOWLER SOT: This is a place where I've played well, won here. Actually, my caddie had asked what year it was. I couldn't exactly remember. It means it's been too long, so I need to change that.

*ANNC: Rickie Fowler closes the deal.*

FOWLER SOT: Yeah, good to be back. I'm excited to get things going back in Florida, which has been home for 15 years.

*HOME LYRIC Coming home to you.*

TITLES

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

EARLY WEEK WITH TUA TAGOVAILOA

TUA: Let’s see what he got, let’s see what he got. Let’s go!

MIN WOO: I need to learn how to spiral it. I thought I was good.

MIN WOO: It’s not every day you get to play golf with QB1.

MIN WOO: Do you hold your whole hand on the…? Yeah.

TUA: Some people hold it like that.

MIN WOO: On the Back?

TUA: No on the front, when they throw.

MIN WOO: Like you’re middle finger’s on it.

MIN WOO: Wait, on the back or the front? Like this, or this way?

TUA: The other way. Yeah, I think it’s whatever’s more comfortable.

TUA: It’s very much similar to a golf swing. I’m a lefty, because it does have to do with a lot of leg, because it’s here, and then it’s following through. Yeah.

PALMER: How’s your golf game? Trying to find out?

TUA: We’re going to find out today, how about that. We’re going to find out today.

TUA: Dang, you guys are pulling out irons? Gosh.

MIN WOO: It’s a shamble so you might as well hit driver.

TUA: I don’t hit it far anyways, I don’t know where it’s gonna go.

NATS: You sandbagger.

TUA: I wasn’t, I wasn’t. That just went left.

MIN WOO: That was down the middle. That was crushed.

TUA: Thanks brother.

TUA: Dude, this is probably more nerve-wracking than playing football. It’s like weird because it’s not something you’re good at.

MIN WOO: He was a little nervous on the first, but he did hit it solid so he’s got that dog in him. He’s got that athletic gift so I’m sure he’ll be fine.

MICAH: Tua, you’ve got a little 5 wood, 3 wood?

TUA: 3 wood. Brother, I don’t even know if I can hit it right. Seriously.

TUA: Hit the ground again brother.

MICAH: You laid up to a perfect number. It’s a par 5. Perfect.

TUA: I knew exactly what I was doing.

MIN WOO: If you don’t open it up, and you close it, all you do is stab at the ground. But if you open it, you can kind of like let it bump.

TUA: Ok, well I guess that works. I guess that works.

TUA: For some reason, with everyone watching though, makes it a little more like you can’t shoot your shot. I’m just saying, looking into the camera saying that.

MICAH: He averages like 189, 190 ball speed.

TUA: What?!

TUA: Damn, sheesh. That dog gon’ hunt brotha.

NATS: Where was that all day?

TUA: I don’t know, I’m looking for it.

NATS: Get out, let’s go!

DUNLAP: Gotta write Roll Tide on there.

TUA: Appreciate it brother. Thank you.

BUMP

CAMILO VILLEGAS SOT: You play golf to win golf tournaments, but it's been a bumpy road in many ways. I've been the same guy throughout the ups and downs.

*2023 ANNC: Camilo Villegas is back in the winner’s circle!*

CAMILO VILLEGAS SOT: We just trying to get better every day, trying to be athletes, trying to be golfers and trying to be good parents, good human beings. Set an example and, eh, and enjoy the ride.

*SEGMENT TWO*

COGNIZANT CLASSIC RECAP

*ANNC:* *Good Monday morning from Palm Beach Gardens, Florida and the third Monday finish in the 52-year history of the Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches. // Players in position including the overnight leader, Austin Eckroat.*

*ANNC*: *Austin Eckroat boy it’s all right in front of him isn’t it Smiley? Yes it is, 88 yards, asking for it to go, only his 2nd missed fairway today.*  
 *ANNC:* *Another really good look. That’s three straight days Austin has made a birdie at 13 and now the lead has ballooned to three.*

*ANNC:* *Great contact, just a slight draw in there, tremendous, another great swing, it’s just one flush after another, complete freedom.*

*ANNC:* *This is just inside 12 feet. Did he hit it? Yea he did. And that goes a long way in putting away this tournament.*

*ANNC:* *Oh this is aggressive, look at this, right at it. Look at this guy. He is a star in the making. That is a confident golf swing.*

*ANNC:* *Austin Eckroat in his 50th PGA TOUR start. He’s done everything well is first few years out here, he keeps getting better and better. He will gladly take a 3 shot lead to the 18th hole.*

ECKROAT POST ROUND SOT: Just happy with the way I played the Bear Trap. Not a fun finish when you have to hold on to a lead. And the adversity of sleeping, you know, mid round, you know just really happy with how I handled it.

*ANNC:* *Little smile on his face, knowing you have it in hand.*

*ANNC:*  *Well done, well executed. Exempt into the rest of the Signature Events so he’s going to Bay Hill, The Players, The Masters, the PGA Championshi, just kind of your life changer launching pad. Just an indication of the depth of talent on the PGA TOUR.*

**ECKROAT MOVES UP 78 PLACES IN THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP TEN…SITTING JUST OUTSIDE THE TOP TEN IN THE 17TH POSITION.**

**AND WITH A T-4 PLACE IN THE PALM BEACHES, ROOKIE JAKE KNAPP CONTINUES HIS UPWARD TRAJECTORY IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS…MOVING UP THREE PLACES INTO 5TH. BUT THE DAY BELONGED TO AUSTIN ECKROAT.**

ECKROAT POST ROUND SOUND: I just kept telling myself I put myself in this position for a reason and I’m just happy I was able to perform.

SERVPRO

**THE CUT PRESENTS RAPID RECOVERY.**

Annc: This is Horschel’s second at 14, six birdies in a row, can he hit it close and make seven, he’s never made seven birdies in a row and his work is cut out now.

Annc: Horschel with his 3rd now. I always liked when the sand got compacted like this you could throw it all the way with a lot of spin, just like that. Beautifully played by Billy. He’s going to keep this momentum going, even though he's settling for par.

*SEGMENT THREE*

CAMILO VILLEGAS FEATURE

CAMILO VILLEGAS SOT: Life is evolving. It changes all the time. We change all the time.

CAMILO VILLEGAS SOT: I'm going to tell you, I know a lot of things today that maybe I wish I didn't that I didn't know back then and made certain things easier. But I'm also very grateful to know a lot of things that make me a better person, a better player, and just a better human.

*2006 Annc: It’s a terrific gallery, it’s totally different from what you’d see with any other player, very, very young. You hear a lot of these “Camilo Rocks.” They love him.*

*2006 Annc: Asking it to get down. And it does! What a shot, that’s a great golf shot! How about Villegas with that shot just about cements solo third here.*

*2006 Annc nats: You get the feeling his life is about to change big time this year on the PGA TOUR.*

*2006 POST ROUND SOUND: It’s probably one of the most fun weeks I’ve ever had. The crowd was unbelievable. My main goal is to have fun and keep learning and that’s going to continue to be my goal and I’m not going to rush anything I’m not going to push anything and hopefully good stuff will come.*

**AFTER A BREAKOUT SEASON IN 2006 - THAT INCLUDED TWO RUNNER UP FINISHES AND FOUR TOP TENS - CAMILO VILLEGAS STEPPED INTO THE WINNER’S CIRCLE JUST TWO YEARS LATER.**

CAMILO VILLEGAS SOT: I came hot out of college play. Played good.

*2008: This is sweet. He is a very popular player. Well, he’s worked awful hard for this moment. The wait is over for Camilo Villegas! Champion on the PGA TOUR.*

*Annc 2008: This man is so popular in Colombia that Colombian TV picked up 30 PGA TOUR events and they are fired up right now. The TOUR Championship belongs to Camilo Villegas!*

CAMILO VILLEGAS SOT: Got those two wins and you feel like you're on top of the world, but I've been the same guy throughout the ups and downs.

*2010 Annc: He just exudes style the minute he came on TOUR A couple years back at Doral an instant impact when he finished 2nd behind Tiger Woods. He has everything needed to be a star on this Tour, but it took him a little time to win. All he needs to become one of the really big stars around the world is victories.*

CAMILO VILLEGAS SOT: We just trying to get better every day, trying to be athletes, trying to be golfers and trying to be good parents, good human beings. Set an example and and enjoy the ride because that's that's the main thing. I mean, the wins are great, but the process I really enjoyed.

**VILLEGAS EARNED HIS FOURTH VICTORY IN 2014 …BEFORE HIS GAME WENT COLD. INJURIES AND SWING TROUBLES DRIVING HIM BACK TO THE KORN FERRY TOUR.**

**BUT LOSING HIS PGA TOUR CARD WAS NOTHING COMPARED TO THE DEVESTATION THAT CAME WITH LOSS OF HIS DAUGHTER MIA FROM PEDIATRIC CANCER IN THE SUMMER 2020.**

**AND YET …VILLEGAS’ RESILIANCY NEVER WAVERED.**

CAMILO VILLEGAS SOT: Mia has, has changed us for good and tough memories. But I always say life keeps going and you got to make the most of it.

CAMILO VILLEGAS SOT: She's inspired us to to help others. And our foundation Mia’s Miracles is something we never planned, but it's opened our hearts to do what the PGA TOUR does so good, which is charity and give back.

CAMILO VILLEGAS SOT: I've had a chance to spend time with Barbara Nicklaus and Jack Nicklaus, and they've become an inspiration. They were very helpful in the whole process when we were at Nicklaus Children's with Mia and just to see Jack talk about charity and giving back and how it kind of fills his heart. And this is a guy that has won so many golf tournaments and has accomplished so many great things. And to hear him talk of his foundation accomplishments is pretty cool. So once again, we just going to follow their steps and bring smiles to those in need.

CAMILO VILLEGAS SOT: I think people care about us. They value our efforts to grind, to work, and they value our foundation. And and they feel for what we went through with with our daughter, Mia. So you put all that stuff in combination. And it's been very emotional.

**WITH THE MEMORY OF MIA EVER PRESENT – AND NINE YEARS REMOVED FROM HIS LAST VICTORY – VILLEGAS ENTERED THE 20-23 SEASON WELL OUTSIDE THE TOP 125 IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS.**

**HE’D MISSED SEVEN CUTS IN 10 PGA TOUR STARTS BEFORE TEEING IT UP AT THE WORLD WIDE TECHNOLOGY CHAMPIONSHIP.**

CAMILO VILLEGAS SOT: You play golf to win golf tournaments, but it's been a bumpy road in many ways. And when I go to Mexico, I go with zero expectations. I was happy to get the sponsor invite there.

*2023 Mexico Annc: Oh look out! It’s getting better and better.*

CAMILO VILLEGAS SOT:: And to give myself a chance to win was was special and I feel a lot better than I thought I was going to and not being in contention for several years.

*2023 Mexico Annc: What a week for Camilo and so many people emotionally supporting Camilo Villegas at this stage of his career. Oh so close to winning for the 5th time on the PGA TOUR.*

**WITH A SOLO SECOND IN MEXICO, HE MOVED UP TO 147TH IN THE FEDEXCUP FALL STANDINGS BEFORE HEADING TO THE BUTTERFIELD BERMUDA CHAMPIONSHIP THE FOLLOWING WEEK.**

CAMILO VILLEGAS SOT: Didn't know what to expect in Bermuda. It’s a golf course. I actually like. I was very patient the first two rounds and then I kind of put myself in position. And again, I was feeling very comfortable throughout the week.

*2023 ANNC: Camilo Villegas is back in the winner’s circle! And this one is for Mia!*

CAMILO VILLEGAS SOT: I guess it was my time.

CAMILO VILLEGAS SOT: Last year was very special. The energy I received from everybody after making a little come back and winning again on the PGA Tour has been very special. The win itself puts me back on the PGA Tour, which is great. I'm very grateful, very grateful to to do what I do.

CAMILO VILLEGAS SOT: You can analyze life and your success in many different ways. Obviously, performance is one. I've been very fortunate to win five times on the PGA TOUR.

But you can also analyze your success in terms of how you treat people, how people treat you back.

CAMILO VILLEGAS SOT: it's pretty rewarding to know that people care about you, that people value what you do, that they value your hard work and effort. And hey here we are! We keep extending this journey and I enjoy it. I enjoy the grind, I enjoy the working, I enjoy trying to get better and I'm happy to be here.

*SEGMENT FOUR*

API TEASER

*ANNC: And always so great to be back at Bay Hill, where the spirit of Arnold Palmer remains as strong as ever.*

LOWRY: If you talk to anyone who was involved in the game over the last 50 years, you know, they'll say Arnold Palmer was a game changer, he was the king.

SCHEFFLER: Having Mr. Palmer's name on it and being able to go back to a place that he loves so much and compete is very special for us as players.

MCILROY: Bay Hill, and Arnold Palmer just so obviously synonymous with each other. He created a place here where, you know, the best players in the world could come and play a really elite golf tournament.

*ANNC: What a finish for McIlroy!*

*ANNC: It is Jason Day, wire to wire.*

*ANNC: Congratulations. Thank you so much sir.*

*ANNC: That hat just hit the turf with authority!*

*ANNC: Again! At Bay Hill!*

*ANNC: The field bracing again for what will be a most challenging week again at Bay Hill, just the way the king loved it.*

HOMA: There's danger lurking everywhere. It tests quality of strike, it tests patience. As much as it tests your physical skills it tests your mental skills as well.

YOUNG: It's a place that you get to play against the best. Just kind of how he would want it to be. And it's always a great test of golf, which I know he would appreciate.

**ROOKIE JAKE KNAPP WILL MAKE HIS FIRST START AT BAY HILL, THANKS TO HIS FIRST PGA TOUR WIN AT THE MEXICO OPEN AT VIDANTA.**

*ANNC: And it is indeed Knapp time in Mexico.*

**ALSO MAKING HIS DEBUT AT ARNIE’S PLACE IS LUDVIG ABERG.**

*ANNC: And the sweet swing of Ludvig Aberg, oh another one rifled in there close.*

**BOTH PLAYERS EARNED THEIR WAY INTO THE ARNOLD PALMER INVITATIONAL PRESENTED BY MASTERCARD VIA THE AON NEXT TEN, WHICH AWARDS STARTS TO THE TOP 10 PLAYERS, NOT ALREADY EXEMPT, FROM THIS SEASON’S FEDEXCUP STANDINGS.**

**MEANWHILE, PLAYERS LIKE SAMI VALIMAKI FIND THEMSELVES IN THE FIELD THANKS TO THE AON SWING FIVE.**

*ANNC: That thing was pounded, it looked perfect the entire way. Could go in, Valimaki that close for an eagle.*

**THE AON SWING FIVE REWARDS THE TOP FIVE FEDEXCUP POINTS EARNERS, WHO ARE NOT ALREADY EXEMPT, FROM THEIR IMPRESSIVE PLAY IN MEXICO AND THE PALM BEACHES.**

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**FAN FAVORITE RICKIE FOWLER WILL ALSO BE TEEING IT UP IN ORLANDO THIS WEEK. FOWLER HAS PLAYED IN MR. PALMER'S EVENT 12 TIMES BUT IS STILL LOOKING TO DON THE RED SWEATER FOR THE FIRST TIME.**

RICKIER FOWLER MINI

PRODUCER: Write down what that one word is. It says your mindset for the year.

RICKIE FOWLER: Validate because coming off of some tough years and then having a pretty solid last year.

*ANNC: Rickie Fowler who has not had a top 10 Finish since his victory at the Rocket Mortgage in early July is looking for that spark.*

RICKIE FOWLER: Terrible start to the year for me. Never got anything going on the West Coast. I'm ready to kind of get things going back how they were last year. I learned a lot about patience over the last few years prior to 2023.

*ANNC: It's been four years, four months and 29 days since Rickie Fowler won on the PGA TOUR.*

RICKIE FOWLER: Looking back and knowing what we went through and what was dealt with and ultimately, where we ended up you learn most from the tough times, obviously they make you appreciate the good times even more.

RICKIE FOWLER: You're never always at your best or always succeeding. How you come back from the tough times is ultimately kind of what it's all about.

*ANNC:  And Rickie returns to the winner's circle.*

RICKIE FOWLER: The win in Detroit that was just pure relief, three years of just finally got to let it go and take a breath. It really makes you appreciate when things are good. Tough times, if you look at them properly, they're not going to last forever as well.

*ANNC: Since his last win on Super Bowl Sunday in 2019, he's since become married to his wife Allison and became a father to his daughter, Maya. His sixth career win on the PGA TOUR.*

RICKIE FOWLER: With having my wife obviously, she's on my team and on my side she's always there she's always you know, wanting to help to talk and be there however she can I think some of it was her being there but also me being kind of vulnerable and opening up.

*ANNC: Ten months ago he was number 185 in the world and now back on top.*

RICKIE FOWLER: A nice thing going into this year is being able to schedule out the whole year knowing when I will have time off or when kind of what's going on with the schedule versus the last few years. That's just a big relief and knowing you know exactly what my schedule is going to be this year.

RICKIE FOWLER: This year, we’ve got to validate.

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