PGA TOUR ORIGINALS CREDENTIALED: ARNOLD PALMER INVITATION PRESENTED BY MASTERCARD

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**SEGMENT 1** - COLD OPEN

NATS: Awesome, great job. Thanks for letting me watch you work. You’re gonna make me cry Scottie. I’m proud of you.

Congrats Scottie. Let’s make sure, you want your wife’s opinion on this too?

You need me to put on a sweater? You can help me give the opinion. Good or one size up?

I did miss one but I got lazy. No it fits, you’re right.

Let’s go Scottie.

MATTHIEU PAVON FEATURE

MATTHIEU PAVON SOT: Arnold Palmer has grown the game so much overseas, so it is really a privilege to be here and compete this week. This place looks amazing, and I couldn't wait to go on the golf course and see how it looks.

**THE INFLUENCE THE KING HAD KNOWS NO BORDERS, IMPACTING FRANCE'S MATTHIEU PAVON AS HE PREPARES FOR HIS FIRST APPEARANCE AT ARNIE'S PLACE.**

MATTHIEU PAVON SOT: For me, it's really important like every day, I got to have the same warm up. I think it's really simple for me. It's something that I just put around my neck. The first few shots they look a little bit, let's say awkward. Every day, five times with the eight iron. This is how I start my day.

BRAD FAXON SOT: Matthew got off to a fantastic start in 2024. He's played so well back in Europe. He hits it far, pretty straight for a guy who hits it pretty far as well. Magnificent iron player, very good putter. He's a terrific young man, easy to talk to and very, very likable.

**A SEVEN-YEAR VETERAN OF THE DP WORLD TOUR, PAVON STAYS TRUE TO WHAT HAS GOTTEN HIM TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL.**

MATTHIEU PAVON SOT: To be fair, I'm not very like goal sets. It was just about seeing how my game could really work on the PGA TOUR. Like how good I could be just giving me some times to see if my game was good enough against the best players in the world. So yeah, it's always the same goal for sure when I go out on the course is just trying to beat the course and I felt like if I did the course every day. I'm gonna do pretty great.

ANNC: This is for the win. Never a doubt all the way

MATTHIEU PAVON SOT: That was great. That was a one I really needed to get. That was the first time for me really being clutch on the golf course. That's the best feeling in the world like knowing you can get clutch when tough moments come atto you. It's it's pretty important for golf player.

**IN ONLY HIS THIRD START, PAVON BECAME THE FIRST FRENCHMAN TO WIN ON THE PGA TOUR SINCE WORLD WAR TWO, SECURING HIS STATUS THROUGH THE 2026 SEASON.**

MATTHIEU PAVON SOT: It's pretty big for my country, just giving me time to grow my game, it's the most important really being focused on me. So many great tournaments starting here in Bay Hill, so I'd have a lot of opportunities and now I'd have to take some.

MATTHIEU PAVON SOT: Since I've started the PGA TOUR, it's just so much fun. Just fun. Nothing else. It was a dream for me. I'm coming from Europe didn't get any chances really to play here in America the last seven years and find any good ones. So I'm just trying to enjoy every moment. It's a beautiful golf course. I was dreaming about it. And now here I am. Good test of golf, the rough is thick, greens are firm. I think the greens are going to be faster and faster all week. It's a tough challenge and I can't wait to take it on.

NAT: Good luck.

MATTHIEU PAVON NAT: Yeah, I do my best for sure.

NAT: Thank you very much. Pleasure. Have a good weekend.

ROUND 1 PART 1

ANNC: for the 46th time this beauty Bay Hill welcomes the best in the game to Arnie’s place. as we begin what will be another memorable week at the Arnold Palmer Invitational

ANNC: Matthieu Pavon…he’s the FedExCup leader

**WITH TWO EARLY BIRDIES, PAVON SEEMS POISED…. BUT THE ROOKIE LOSES MOMENTUM AND CARDS A ROUND-ONE 74.**

ANNC: those greens are getting firmer and faster every second under this bright Central Florida sunshine.

ANNC: Scheffler outside of 14 feet to save his par, just not enough speed, whipped across the hole.

ANNC: ohhhh too much speed and that slides by, Rory’s going to give another back plus two on his first nine holes. He looks incredulous at what’s going on right now

ANNC: Here’s Burns for birdie. there ya go, a ton of birdies for Sam on the day, adds an eighth there and is one off the lead.

SAM BURNS SOT: I think this is as benign as you’re going to see bay hill, greens are pretty soft, rough is obviously up, but not a lot of wind today so today was the day you had to go out and shoot something under par.

ANNC: This now is Justin Lower to take the lead all by himself, and a five under 67, center cut, how about that finish?

JUSTIN LOWER SOT: I putted well which is nice, I hit some shots really close, the greens were a little more receptive than I thought they’d be, hopefully they don’t go changing that over night.

ANNC: scoring is pretty good for day one, as you see Matsuyama and Lower at the top with Henley and Lee Hodges in at 68

**AS THE PGA TOURS BEST PLAYERS FIND THEIR FOOTING AT BAY HILL, AMATEUR DAVID FORD PREPARES FOR THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME.**

DAVID FORD FEATURE

DAVID FORD SOT: Bay Hill is a special place and Arnold Palmer Invitational is one of the most prestigious events on tour this year. So being here is a huge honor.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER NAT: What's up man, David. Scottie. Good to meet ya.

NAT: Hey, cheers.

**3RD RANKED AMATEUR, DAVID FORD, CONTINUES THE ARNOLD PALMER LEGACY BY EARNING A SPOT IN THE STAR-STUDDED FIELD AS THE PALMER CUP EXEMPTION.**

DAMON HACK SOT: What a great experience for the amateur from North Carolina. He's also a wonderful player and what a great week for him to rub elbows with the best players in the world, play practice rounds with the likes of Sam Burns and Scottie Scheffler to learn about what it's like to be a PGA Tour professional.

DAVID FORD NAT: It's sweet, one good friend and two guys I never met but it's fun. Yeah, played in the walker cup together, went to Dubai together.

NICK DUNLAP NAT: We played a lot of golf, played the Wyndham cup together.

DAVID FORD NAT: Played the southern am practice round together.

NICK DUNLAP NAT: We played a lot of golf.

DAVID FORD NAT: Yeah a lot of golf with him and he's really competitive.

NICK DUNLAP NAT: Also true. Hits it straight, irons are good wedges are good putts are good . It's a pretty good combo.

DAVID FORD NAT: That'll work.

DAVID FORD NAT: This isn't where you want to find yourself

NAT: Good play there buddy.

DAVID FORD NAT: Nine out of ten.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER NAT: I want to see you make it.

DAVID FORD NAT: Alright good, I'm an amateur. He's testing me. I am nervous though for the record.

DAVIS FORD SOT: The biggest thing for me is remembering that I've been in nervous situations before, and I've played some of my best golf when I'm nervous. So even though it's a practice round, I still wanted to win.

NAT: Go, go.

DAVID FORD SOT: Welcome to Bay Hill. Smells like a birdie to me.

DAVID FORD SOT: Playing with Scottie Scheffler and Sam Burns was amazing. I learned a lot from them. They had some good advice, just to take it slow and to enjoy it while I can. And it was an honor to play with them but I was definitely nervous.

SAM BURNS SOT: I think obviously you're a great player, I think a lot of times guys get out here start trying to change a lot of things and I would say just try and take what you have, it's obviously really good, and continue to make it better.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER SOT: Stick to the process, you're obviously one of the top players in college and that means you have the talent to be one of the top players out here just keep doing what you're doing.

DAVID FORD SOT: My dream is to play on the PGA Tour but ultimately, I just want to show the love of Jesus through the game of golf and if that's on the PGA Tour, if that's at a desk, then that's fine by me and wherever the Lord wants me that's where I'll go and I think that gives me so much peace, knowing that my identity and my performance out here is not the end all, be all.

NAT: Yeah, that's really good. Thanks guys. That's a wrap go team!

ROUND 1 PART 2

**GOOD SCORING CONDITIONS CONTINUE IN THE FIRST ROUND – AND FORD TAKES ADVANTAGE**

ANNC: This is David Ford, the young amateur starting his week out here at Bay Hill, lefty out of North Carolina off to a good start

ANNC: Nice feeling, a little three footer for your birdie at the opening hole, David Ford off and running

ANNC: He’s doing a nice job thus far, one-under on his opening round

FORD SOT: I missed some shots coming down the stretch that are usually easy shots for me . overall felt great about the round, was able to make some putts when I needed to

**HIDEKI MATSUYAMA’S EAGLE ON 16 PAVES THE WAY TO AN OPENING 67, BUT ONLY ONE MAN IN THE FIELD BESTS THAT SCORE**

ANNC: With his hands he’ll fancy this one, and in it goes. That puts him in a tie for the lead, birdie birdie eagle run for Lowry.

ANNC: Alright rock solid 66, only one bogey on the card for Shane Lowry

LOWRY SOT: Golf’s a funny game, I just had it under control today. it’s one of these places where some people love it, I’ve struggled with it. I’m very happy with it today, maybe that’s the kind of score I need to shoot to give me confidence to play my game around here.

ANNC: top of the leader board after day one here at the Arnold Palmer Invitational

**SEGMENT 2** - ERIC COLE FEATURE

COLE SOT: I'm excited any time I get to come around Bay Hill. It's a special spot for me. It's a great tournament to be in as a professional golfer. It's a huge event on the PGA Tour

ANNC: Please welcome Eric Cole. Boy, has he turned into a rising star at the age of 35.

COLE SOT: I always have a confidence in myself. I think most golfers are in the same boat there, but to actually go out and do it was very gratifying for me to play some good tournaments and be in contention on the PGA Tour. I worked really hard to get to that point.

**IN THE 20-23 SEASON, COLE PLAYED IN 37 EVENTS, MAKING 27 CUTS WITH TWO RUNNER UPS AND SEVEN TOP TEN FINISHES, THUS SECURING THE HIGHEST HONOR A FIRST YEAR PLAYER CAN ACHIEVE.**

ANNC: How about the rookie of the year Eric Cole, had an unbelievable year.

COLE SOT: I think for anyone to win an award named after Arnold Palmer is special and it's a huge honor. But for me, having a personal connection with him just made it even more special. And it's something I'm very proud of and honored to have won.

COLE SOT: Sam Saunders and I struck up a friendship and played a ton of golf growing up together and one of the I guess, benefits to that was I got to spend some time around Mr. Palmer and play some rounds with him. I was extremely lucky, I knew it at the time. When you spend time around him, you knew it was special. But I kind of wish I would have taken extra time to ask him some questions or hear his thoughts on certain things. It's such an unbelievably lucky experience. Just very special to me and it sits close to my heart.

**AFTER MISSING THE CUT IN HIS FIRST ARNOLD PALMER INVITATIONAL IN 2023, COLE HAS BIG DREAMS THIS YEAR.**

COLE SOT: Winning the Arnold Palmer Invitational would be a dream come true for me. It would be something that would bring into full circle kind of where I started and to do that would be unbelievable but it's a long way from there. And I got to do a lot of little stuff right before I get that result for sure.

ROUND 2 PART 1

ANNC: we welcome you on this steamy, spring Friday afternoon here at Bay Hill. The lead is one at seven under par.

**AFTER CARDING 2 OVER ON THE FRONT NINE, ERIC COLE'S DREAM OF WINNING HINGES ON MAKING THE CUT.**

ANNC: This man shot an opening 70 on Thursday. The reigning, Rookie of the year, Eric Cole.

ANNC: Boy you can really hear how firm that green’s getting. With the wind coming off their backs, it’s hard to hold a fairway

ANNC: To our leader, Lowry. Really not too much problem from back there. Especially if you’ve got hands that are magical like his.

### ANNC: At the par three, the 14th and Russell Henley will have this putt to tie for the lead.

### Russell Henley SOT: Mentally I hung in there. I was very committed to what I was doing. Feel really good with my putter.

ANNC: Henley, and he joins the party at 7-under.

**JOINING SHANE LOWRY AND RUSSELL HENLEY, THE NUMBER ONE SPOT BEGINS TO CROWD, AS HIDEKI MATSUYAMA MOVES TO SEVEN UNDER ALONG WITH BRIAN HARMAN.**

ANNC: For a tie for the lead. This putt left to right is a putt left handers like. such a tough customer, tough golf course. Not easy conditions. Just reeks of a Brian Harmon good week.

ANNC: Only three birdies on this hole today. Eric Cole 25 feet. He’s made his fair share of putts this year.

**WITH 2 BIRDIES ON HIS FINAL 3 HOLES, ERIC COLE SOLIDIFIED HIS SPOT FOR THE WEEKEND, BUT WHILE HE CHASES HIS DREAM HE HELPS ONE COME TRUE FOR A YOUNG FAN.**

ERIC COLE IMPACT

ERIC COLE SOT: Hey, how's it going? I'm Eric.

ERIC COLE SOT: Nice to meet you.

ERIC COLE SOT: I'm looking forward to spending some time with you. It should be fun.

CONNOR SOT: Yeah.

ERIC COLE SOT: So they were telling me you're a type one diabetic. So when were you diagnosed?

CONNOR SOT: When I was five.

ERIC COLE SOT: Okay, I was diagnosed when I was 20, so a little later. But I also have a sister and a brother with type one diabetes.

CONNOR SOT: Yeah, my father and my brother are also type one.

ERIC COLE SOT: Oh, are they? Okay.

ERIC COLE SOT: Yeah, it’s good. I am just going to hit a couple.

ERIC COLE SOT: What's your favorite low blood sugar snack?

CONNOR SOT: I usually just have fruit snacks.

ERIC COLE SOT: Fruit snacks?

CONNOR SOT: Yeah.

ERIC COLE SOT: I like the Gatorade. It gets right into your bloodstream. So then your blood sugar kind of, like, bounces up really quick.

TEE ANNC: Please welcome our honorary observer, Connor.

ERIC COLE SOT: What a lot of guys do is they hit a club that doesn't reach the water so that way even if they do hit it a little left, it doesn't go in the water. So play it safe or be aggressive?

CONNOR SOT: Aggressive.

ERIC COLE SOT: Aggressive. I like it. Being aggressive is a good thing and it definitely suits the theme of Arnold Palmer. He always played really aggressively.

CONNOR SOT: Oh yeah!

ERIC COLE SOT: That was a good one.

CONNOR SOT: Yeah. Good shot.

CONNOR SOT: I'm walking with a professional golfer on Bayhill, so it's really cool.

ERIC COLE SOT: I think it's cool just being inside the ropes.

ERIC COLE SOT: I went all through high school and started college not being a diabetic. I started to lose some weight and started to feel really bad and eventually they found out that it was type one diabetes. And I just I got it later in life than a lot of people do.

CONNOR SOT: What club are you going to use?

ERIC COLE SOT: One of my wedges, 50 degree wedge. So I'm going to go for, like, a low hooking shot.

CONNOR SOT: Good shot.

ERIC COLE SOT: Thanks! That worked out pretty good.

ERIC COLE SOT: All of the putts break a different direction. Do you think this goes to the right or to the left?

CONNOR SOT: To the right.

CONNOR: A little uphill.

ERIC COLE SOT: Okay. Little uphill. Yeah. I think at the hole, it's a little uphill for sure.

CONNOR SOT: Yeah.

ERIC COLE SOT: Connor.

CONNOR SOT: Nice shot!

ERIC COLE SOT: Connor. What a read! Good job buddy. It was absolutely a perfect read. My caddie might be in trouble. I might have to hire you Connor.

CONNOR SOT: It's cool even though you're a type one diabetic, you can still do whatever you want.

ERIC COLE SOT: It doesn't stop you from being able to pursue a professional sport, no matter whatever it is.

ERIC COLE SOT: Well, it's been great to meet you and hang out with you. We'll get you hooked up with some clubs. So, I think you'll love those. It'll be awesome.

CONNOR SOT: Thank you!

ERIC COLE SOT: Alright, high five!

**SEGMENT 3** - ARNOLD PALMER INVITATIONAL LEGACY

DAMON HACK SOT: This is a signature event. It's at Bay Hill, the home of Arnold Palmer. And the players here are the best in the world. There's a lot at stake this week at Bay Hill.

DREW DONOVAN SOT: This week is our week to show how much Mr. Palmer's legacy is still alive and working throughout all areas as Orlando's signature event.

**WITH A CHANCE TO CEMENT THEIR NAME AMONG THE GREATS, THE TOUR'S TOP TALENT SQUARE OFF ON THE VERY GROUND THE KING HIMSELF SHAPED.**

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER SOT: It's a tremendous vision and some guts too, to purchase a golf course and turn it into his home and it's a very special place.

DREW DONOVAN SOT: This course tests the world's best players every year as it was when Mr. Palmer was here and they're truly being tested by something that Mr. Palmer cared deeply about.

ZALATORIS SOT: It's a beast of a golf course. You know we always joke about how the week gets harder and harder and by Sunday, everyone's joking about how Arnie's smiling from heaven you know watching the carnage.

BRAD FAXON SOT: You come here, you feel his spirit. The players out here, they can feel that.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: Seeing all the fans, seeing the iconic umbrella, it still feels like he's not just here with us but everyone supports him and talks about him and he's definitely the talk of the town.

**THROUGH HIS GOLF COURSE, HIS TOURNAMENT, AND THE EXAMPLE HE SET, ARNOLD PALMER LIVES ON.**

ERNIE ELS SOT: Arnold Palmer is a legend of all legends.

MARK CALCAVECCHIA SOT: he's the king for a reason.

BILLY ANDRADE SOT: Just to see the way he handled people. He made you feel like you were special.

BRAD FAXON SOT: It didn't matter where you were from, who you were, whether you played golf or didn't play golf, he was very good at treating everybody the same.

STUART ABBLEBY SOT: He had such an impact on the game and then outside the game. That's going to echo for decades.

DREW DONOVAN SOT: It's a player favorite. They want to play for Mr. Palmer and his legacy. But they also they want to win that red cardigan.

KURT KITAYAMA FEATURE

KURT KITAYAMA SOT: It's a really cool feeling knowing that you're at a course where you're familiar with and had a lot of success and knowing that you can do it.

KURT KITAYAMA SOT: Game's feeling pretty good. I made a lot of changes off-season with my swing and, /the dreams, you know, is to win some more tournaments and, yeah, hopefully defend here.

ANNC: The Defending Champ Kurt Kitayama good memories after coming back here to just close under pressure a year ago to win the title.

KURT KITAYAMA SOT: I proved to myself last year that I could win out here. Having so many close calls and to finally do it, that was pretty big.

NATS: Please welcome Kurt Kitayama

KURT KITAYAMA SOT: Teeing off the final round. I was more nervous saving par on the first hole making like a five-footer.

NATS: What a putt, Kurt Kitayama

KURT KITAYAMA SOT: Than the long putt on 18. The rough, the greens I mean every aspect, it doesn't seem like there's any letup here. No easy hole. You've got to be focused the whole time.

ANNC: This is to take the lead outright Kurt kitayama right in the center of the cup with some pace. Heading to 18 with a one shot lead

KURT KITAYAMA SOT: It felt like everything was on my shoulders and felt like everything was was like released off of me.

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

KURT KITAYAMA SOT: First PGA TOUR win at a very special place with Mr. Palmer's legacy here. The kind of person he was and to be associated with that is is just an honor.

BAY HILL HISTORY FEATURE

ARNOLD PALMER SOT: This is Arnold Palmer. Welcome to the Final Round of the Third Annual Bay Hill Classic, live from Orlando, Florida.

ANNC: There's just so much history here at Bay Hill, authored by the king himself.

ARNOLD PALMER SOT: It's amazing what has happened to Bay Hill in the last 30 years.

ANNC: Dick Wilson originally designed two 9-hole courses here, the Champion and the Challenger, that opened back in 1961...

DAVID NORMOYLE SOT: This was before any of the theme parks came to town and it was actually wilderness, and that was really part of the appeal to Mr. Palmer when he first came here and played in an exhibition in 1965. He lived his life in front of people and wanted a place he could go and escape.

ARNOLD PALMER SOT: When I first played, the venue here was one of birds, snakes, a lot of orange groves, very few highways, if any, two-way streets and that was about it.

DAVID NORMOYLE SOT: After playing in the exhibition in February of 1965, he told Winnie, I've just played the best golf course in Florida, and I want to own it. You had to be a visionary, you had to see that there was some sort of potential. And I think he loved the rugged wildness of it. He loved the idea of refuge. He loved the challenge of the golf course.

ARNOLD PALMER SOT: I enjoy creating things. To this day, that is still part of the scene here.

**PALMER OFFICIALLY PURCHASED BAY HILL CLUB AND LODGE IN 1975 AND BEGAN HIS MISSION TO TURN THE GOLF COURSE INTO A CHAMPIONSHIP-WORTHY TEST FIT FOR A KING**

ARNOLD PALMER SOT: We have made Bay Hill an equally challenging golf course but one that I think that every professional who comes and plays here, enjoys and finds that it can be just as challenging as we want to make it.

ROY SAUNDERS SOT: He had a great vision for taking a piece of property and making little tweaks without really changing what the course was all about to begin with.

RICKIE FOWLER SOT: This is Arnold's home away from home. This is where he hung his hat. This is where he practiced and played when he was when he was away from the tour. It's a special place.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON SOT: I suppose Arnold knew a thing two, so it was a great golf course. But when Arnold gets involved, you know he knows how to develop out certain parts of the golf course that they're really testing.

BILLY ANDRADE SOT: You played there in March, volatile wind and you didn't know what you're going to get. You had to drive it straight. It's just so damn hard.

ARNOLD PALMER SOT: We just try to do everything we can to make it a good tournament and a good golf course.

**BAY HILL WAS MR. PALMER'S CANVAS AND HE SPENT DECADES REFINING IT. INCLUDING THE LATEST RENOVATION IN 2009, WHERE ALL 18 GREENS WERE REDESIGNED, BUNKERS REWORKED AND THE GOLF COURSE LENGTHENED TO POSITION ARNIE'S PLACE AS ONE OF THE TOUR'S FINEST.**

ERNIE ELS SOT: Bay Hill has evolved. The Greens have been raised a little bit more than back in the day and they are a lot firmer and a lot faster, so second shots are very tough into the greens. The lakes are more in play, they've taken the trees out on their open bunkers, so they have dollied it up a little bit through the years, but it's always been one of the more intimidating golf courses.

PALMER SOT: The 18th hole originally was a totally different hole. There was a par five with a lake in front of the green, of course I changed it from a par five to a par four which made it a fairly challenging hole.

SOT: Arnie wants this place to play tough, he doesn't want it to play easy.

MARK CALCEVECCHIA SOT: There's just not a whole lot of what I call birdie holes. There's so many just holes you're happy with making pars and you know, that's why it's one of the more difficult courses on tour.

**PALMER'S VISION LIVES ON THROUGH ITS CARE-TAKERS, WHO KEEP HIS DREAM FOR BAY HILL EVER PRESENT.**

DAVID SOT: He wanted this to be a test of golf that set players up for the rest of the major championship season.

ADAM SCOTT SOT: The mental strength to survive a real beating for four days is I'm sure what he wants to see, and it's had great winners over the years who have managed to stand up to that test.

ANNC: Tiger Woods has got win number 8 at Bay Hill

ANNC: What a finish for McIlroy

MCILROY SOT: I don't know if I quite have the vision to buy a golf course and obviously turn it in to what Arnold has done here at Bay Hill, that's a pretty cool legacy to leave behind.

ANNC: There are reminders and memories of him everywhere. None more vivid than his beloved golf course. This was his world, and it will always be.

**SEGMENT 4** – ROUND 2 PART 2

ANNC: Please welcome from Peachtree, Georgia, current Palmer Cup Champion, David Ford.

**IN THE SECOND ROUND, BAY HILL BARES ITS TEETH, AS DAVID FORD FALLS SHORT OF THE CUTLINE.**

ANNC: A rough day for him he’s six over after a 1 under 71 yesterday.

FORD SOT: I think this week was a huge stepping stone, physically and mentally. I don’t know exactly when or how I’ll get to the PGA TOUR but that’s a huge goal and playing out here made it that much more of a reality.

ANNC: Now Pavon. Shot 74 on day 1, and nice job to bring it back here today.

PAVON SOT: The course and the field is really competitive. It feels like it’s almost a major out here. The greens are getting firm//it’s not a low scoring so you really have to embrace this challenge.

**AS MATTHIEU PAVON WELCOMES THE CHALLENGE HEADING INTO THE WEEKEND, THE TOUGHENING COURSE CONDITIONS TEST THE ELITE FIELD.**

ANNC: Up to our tri-leader at the 18th. Lowry’s second. It’s perfect! After bogies at 15 and 17, Shane Lowry trying to grab that lead back.

LOWRY SOT: there's still a score out there if you play the perfect golf. But, yeah, it takes perfect golf out there to shoot a good score.

**WHILE LOWRY REMAINS AT THE TOP OF THE LEADERBOARD, A MAJOR CHAMPION GOES LOW.**

ANNC: Wyndham Clark for birdie. He’s known for making some long putts. This one’s just over 32 feet! Oh eight birdies on the day!

WYNDHAM CLARK SOT: For me, making the cut and to be where I'm at is a win on a course that maybe traditionally hasn't been my favorite.

**AS CLARK’S 66 MARKS the lowEST round FOR THE DAY, 2022 ARNOLD PALMER INVITATIONAL CHAMPION scottie scheffler, MAKES A CHARGE on the back nine.**

ANNC: Big bird for Scheffler.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER SOT: I think I just did a good job of staying patient. I think I was even for the round going into 12 and would have been 5-under my last seven, so yeah, just a really good finish.

ANNC: let’s take a look at the board as we head into the weekend and it is a good one chock full of some of the top names on the PGA TOUR.

COACH RUSTY FEATURE

RYAN RUSTAND SOT: I love the phrase play boldly And I think my artwork is a pretty good extension of my bold personality, it's loud, it's in your face and it's expressive.

RYAN RUSTAND SOT: I've always been the guy that wanted to do things that no one else in the world has done, and I was always searching for that. I'm creating new art that no one's ever seen.

RYAN RUSTAND SOT: Artwork just comes out of no where, even the golf clubs that I use, they turn out so cool.

RYAN RUSTAND SOT: I got involved in golf at a very, very early age. I lost my father when I was 17, and ever since then I knew that golf was the one thing that kind of helped me feel close to him continuously throughout life, and it's what made me happy.

RYAN RUSTAND SOT: One day I saw a video of a friend of mine, his name was Roman, and he was juggling the golf ball up and down doing these amazing tricks. I just thought it was the most mesmerizing thing I had ever seen. So I figured, let me try that out.

**RUSTAND BEGAN POSTING HIS TRICK SHOTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA AS 'COACH RUSTY' DEVELOPING A VIRAL FOLLOWING, AND OPENING THE DOOR TO HIS TRUE PASSION**

RYAN RUSTAND SOT: Welcome to the Creation Station baby.

RYAN RUSTAND SOT: It's my little warehouse that I originally wanted to put a simulator, putting green and create more golf content and we had all these blank walls and I went online, tried to find some golf art that I enjoyed and there was truthfully nothing that really spoke to me. And I decided, well, why not try to make something.

RYAN RUSTAND SOT: I like to kind of use the same approach that I've always used with my trick shots. It's create a concept and see if it's possible. I'm not a fine artist.

RYAN RUSTAND SOT: Golf has to be implemented. So whether it's splattering a pile of paint with a seven iron or covering a golf ball and painting, whacking it at a canvas, or whether it's duct taping a paint brush to the bottom of a golf club and swinging it to get brushstrokes effects.

**RUSTAND WAS YET TO SELL ANY PIECES – UNTIL ONE OPPROTUNITY TO GIVE BACK TO THE GAME AND THE TOURNAMENT HE LOVED SO MUCH.**

RYAN RUSTAND SOT: It wasn't until July of 23 that we released our first painting to the to the public. It sold out in less than 60 seconds. And with that, we were able to raise quite a bit of money for the Arnold and Winnie Palmer Foundation.

RYAN RUSTAND SOT: Then this year I was asked to create another piece. The umbrella is synonymous with Arnie and what he stands for. We did a run of prints, metal prints and the original everything sold. And we were able to raise a pretty substantial amount of money.

**COACH RUSTY'S TIES TO THE ARNOLD PALMER INVITATIONAL ONLY DEEPENED WHEN HE KICKED OFF TOURNAMENT WEEK, BY RETURNING TO HIS FIRST ART FORM.**

NATS: Guys you excited to be here. Yeah. Let’s do some trick shots, what do you think? Yeah. Alright you can bounce it up and down, you can maybe go in between your legs, right? Stall it on the club face, right? Couple cool little tricks, there we go. It’s always an honor for me to come out here, it’s my goal each and every year to grow within the event and community surrounding it. I’m very happy to be here and I’m very happy to be welcomed by the API and the Arnold and Winnie Palmer foundation. So thank you guys so much, really appreciate it. Thank you.

**SEGMENT 5** – ROUND 3

ANNC: We have reached the weekend at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard. Six players tied sharing the 36-hole lead and behind them 32 players within six shots.

**WYNDHAM CLARK RUNS INTO SOME EARLY TROUBLE ON THE FRONT NINE**

ANNC: This ball ended up in a small divot. Yup there it is, just a horrible break, terrible break.

WYNDHAM CLARK SOT: My emotions got to me. I shouldn't have made double there.

ANNC: Running hot.

WYNDHAM CLARK SOT: I had a long walk to the tenth, and I was able to collect myself.

**WHILE CLARK GETS BACK ON TRACK, RUSSELL HENLEY FIGHTS TO STAY IN THE CHASE**

ANNC: Henley's third, he's hanging around. He's come alive in his latest trip to Bay Hill.

**AFTER A STRONG SECOND ROUND 68, BAY HILL PROVES CHALLENGING FOR MATTHIEU PAVON, WHILE ERIC COLE SHOOTS TWO UNDER TO CRACK INTO THE TOP 20**

**WILL ZALATORIS GOES BOGIE FREE 5 UNDER THROUGH 13 HOLES IN HIS THIRD ROUND AT BAY HILL.**

ANNC: Birdie look here at 11. Looks really good now, Zalatoris really making it from everywhere.

**BUT IT EVAPORATES IN HIS LAST 5 HOLES**

ANNC: That just veered left big time on him, another double at 18.

ZALATORIS SOT: Obviously, the finish wasn't what I wanted but that's just Bay Hill. I'm still in the ballgame, as frustrating as it is to finish up that way.

**NOTHING BUT CONSISTENCY FROM SCHEFFLER AS HE CARDS FIVES BIRDIES ON THE BACK NINE TO STAY IN THE LEAD**

ANNC: Oh yes! Scottie Scheffler can't be this good without making some of these.

SCHEFFLER SOT: I think I'm just doing a good job of trying to stay in a good head space on the green and sometimes you really just got to get lucky.

**IRISHMAN SHANE LOWRY KNOWS ALL ABOUT LUCK, THE SPONSOR EXEMPTION TIES IT UP WITH SCHEFFLER HEADING INTO SUNDAY**

ANNC: Birdie attempt here for Lowry to join the lead, what a putt. 32-footer he ties Scheffler at nine under par.

ANNC: A major champion is abound near atop of the board. Scheffler and Lowry, Wyndham Clark just a shot back.

FORD HOSPITAL VISIT

DAVID FORD SOT: Mr. Palmer's legacy within the game of golf is amazing.

NAT: A birdie for Arnold

DAVID FORD SOT: But outside of golf, he did so much for the world.

NATS: I hope you’re doing good

**EARLIER IN THE WEEK AT THE ARNOLD PALMER INVITATIONAL PRESENTED BY MASTERCARD, DAVID FORD HONORED THE KING’S LEGACY OFF THE COURSE.**

DAVID FORD SOT: We're at the Orlando Health Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children. We're going around seeing kids and interacting with them having fun.

HOSPTIAL REP NAT: This is Summer and Jamal, and this is David.

JAMAL NAT: We just our finished marble art.

FORD NAT: Oh wow, I don’t think I’ve ever done that.

SUMMER NAT: Our teacher had this color and then we switched

DAVID FORD SOT: Interacting with both of them gave me a great perspective and I really enjoyed it.

HOSPTIAL REP NAT: David is playing at a golf tournament.

DAVID FORD NAT: Do you ever play golf or no?

JAMAL NAT: No. I'm more into cooking.

DAVID FORD NAT: Yeah?

JAMAL NAT: Yeah.

DAVID FORD NAT: All right. What do you like to cook?

JAMAL NAT: Plantains.

DAVID FORD NAT: Oh yeah.

DAVID FORD SOT: Just seeing the mark that Mr. Palmer left and the things that he gave to these kids has been amazing. You can see his his footprint on this hospital.

DAVID FORD NAT: How old are each of you?

JAMAL NAT: Thirteen.

SUMMER NAT: I’m nine

DAVID FORD SOT: it reminds me of how fortunate I am and just the perspective that you can have in the midst of hard times. It's something I'll definitely take with me going into the week.

DAVID FORD NAT: All right. I'll see you guys later. You guys have fun today.

SUMMER NAT: Goodbye.

**SEGMENT 6** - RED CARDIGAN

RORY MCILROY SOT: The tradition, the cardigan, I think it's one of the coolest trophies that we have in golf.

ERNIE ELS SOT: The cardigan is really Arnold Palmer. And that is his legacy and his brand.

BRAD FAXON SOT: Cardigans have kind of come in and out of style, but whenever he wore them, they always looked like they were the perfect thing to wear.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON SOT: the significance of the fact it's Arnold Palmer signature look. Yeah, it's a big deal.

KEN BOEHNER SOT: There are very famous photos of him and historical references of him and red cardigans. You know, the well-known Rockwell painting has Mr. Palmer in a red cardigan.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER SOT: Anything associated with mister palmer is very special to us as golfers and to not only play in his tournament but win it is extremely very special.

DAMON HACK SOT: I can make an argument. It's one of the most important garments in the game of golf. And now, of course, it's one of the great prizes that the champion receives on Sunday evening.

ANNC: And there’s the presentation of the red cardigan sweater

ERNIE ELS SOT: it's great that they've brought that back. I remember when I won, I got the jacket on, but the cardigan is pretty cool. You know, that's really, you know, very personal.

KEN BOEHNER SOT: The cardigan was first introduced for the 2017 Arnold Palmer Invitational. That was the first year of the invitational after Mr. Palmer's passing.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON SOT: If somebody wins that red sweater, you don't get that anywhere else. You can win other trophies, but you can't get something like that. So it does make it more special for the players.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER SOT: I mean the red cardigan is pretty cool, trophies are cool but anything like that is hanging up in my closet is really special.

KEN BOEHNER SOT: Well I think as a symbol of his legacy, it is it is still remarkable that the players on the tour care about it the way that they do. But I think today the game of golf needs Arnold Palmer. And I think the cardigan is a fantastic representation of that.

ROUND 4 PART 1

ANNC: Sunday at the Bay Hill club and lodge, the leaderboard reflects the greatness in this week’s field. Scottie Scheffler and Shane Lowry with a one-shot lead over the current US Open Champion Wyndham Clark.

ANNC: Nice smooth look here for Clark there are now three players tied for the lead.

**JUST WHEN CLARK CLOSES THE GAP, SCHEFFLER PULLS AHEAD**

ANNC: if he can get this to go his confidence soars, Scheffler gets out to ten under and he has the lead all to himself.

**WHILE STRUGGLES ON THE FIRST TWO HOLES MOVE LOWRY OUT OF CONTENTION**

NATS: Fore left

ANNC: and that is just not the start he wanted obviously back-to-back bogeys, and it just makes it that more difficult to catch a guy like Scheffler.

**JUST TWO SHOTS OFF THE LEAD AT THE START OF PLAY, A COSTLY MISTAKE BY ZALATORIS REMOVES ANY HOPE AT A POSSIBLE RUN**

ANNC: For another par, seven straight pars, bogey for Zalatoris as he falls back.

ZALATORIS SOT: It's hard to make putts when you're 18, 22 feet above the hole and trying to make a run but that's just Bay Hill.

**AN UP AND DOWN FRONT NINE BY CLARK TURNS THIS RACE INTO A ONE-MAN SHOW**

ANNC: This is hot screamed across the green into the back bunker. Wyndham Clark knows Scheffler is in the fairway back behind him pretty important to not drop shots. Three threes on that side, three pars three birdies, three bogeys and speaking of three that’s the Scheffler lead.

CLARK SOT: this golf course is so demanding tee to green, I always like trying to get myself in the mix against the best players in the world and see how I fair.

ANNC: the current number one in the world Scheffler for another birdie. Scottie Scheffler five clear of the field.

**SEGMENT 7** - SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER MINI FEATURE

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: When I step up on the first tee, something I always imagine is the work that I put in to be in that scenario. I just kind of tell myself that you're prepared to go out and do this.

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler is a TOUR winner for the first time ,wins for the third time in his last five starts

JORDAN SPIETH: He's been able to put it all together in the biggest events.

TONY FINAU: Scottie has proved to be the guy to beat every time he plays.

ANNC: He makes birdies in bunches

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: In 2022 I kind of burst onto the scene and it was kind of a whirlwind, was able to get to get to number one in the world. And then 2023 I was able to defend my title in Phoenix

ANNC: Back to back titles at the WM Phoenix Open

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER SOT: And then be able to win the Players was obviously really special as well.

ANNC: The Scheffler victory train just keeps on rolling

TONY FINAU: Scottie's unbelievable. He's doing things that are Tiger-esque anytime you're doing something where you're even mentioned in the same breath as Tiger, you're on an incredible run.

ROUND 4 PART 2

**AND HIS RUN IN THIS YEAR'S ARNOLD PALMER INVITATIONAL IS SOLIDIFYING HIS PLACE AMONG THE GREATS.**

TONY FINAU: His play is reminiscent of Tiger. 15 years ago the last time number 1 in the world won this event and Scottie Scheffler five clear of the field.

JASON DAY: He's got a good head on his shoulders. Plus he's got a really solid swing.

ANNC: Just been an exhibition of ball striking by Scottie Scheffler

MATT FITZPATRICK: You kind of step away from the round and blown away at how easy he made it look without thinking about it.

ANNC: Scheffler just been terrific all day. Another birdie putt. Good line, good speed, good putt. Good couple of fists pumps there.

TONY FINAU: He's incredibly consistent, if he keeps this up for the next few years, he's going to be the greatest player of our generation. No question.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: All I try and do is control what I can control. And that's my attitude and my approach to the shots and just being committed.

**AND THAT COMMITMENT IS EVIDENT COMING DOWN THE STRETCH AS SCHEFFLER IS ON THE VERGE OF HIS SECOND VICTORY AT BAY HILL.**

ANNC: He has taken a really good field and is sprinting away

ANNC: Clark has had a couple of those today his round had a chance to be better he remains five behind Scheffler.

ANNC: Scheffler for yet another birdie to extend the lead

ANNC: Clark now for birdie, good looking putt by clark to end it into solo second.

ANNC: With one last pairing to finish off it is just a formality you'd think for Scheffler

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler is the King of Bay Hill again with one of the great performances we have seen here around difficult Bay Hill.

NATS: I’m proud of ya, I’m really proud of ya.

NATS: Thanks Scottie. you are the man, Scottie. You are a real gentleman.

**AFTER SCHEFFLERS WIN, THE WORLD NUMBER ONE TOOK HIS VICTORY LAP WITH HIS WIFE MERIDETH BY HIS SIDE.**

NATS: Where we off to, were heading to the range to do the golf channel and then to the locker room. You can sit over there. You’re gonna have a whole closet full of those sweaters when you’re done. Hopefully. And here he is, we’re splendid in red Scottie Scheffler the champ congratulations. Was nice to see some putts fall as well but overall, today I think really proud of how we showed up ready to go and have a good day out there. Scottie Scheffler winning the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by mastercard for the second time in three years. Really appreciate it, thank you guys. Can you please sign my book? Can I have your glove?

SCHEFFLER SOT: Mister Palmer was so good with the fans, he really embraced the fans out there and anything we can learn from mister Palmer you know one thing especially is I don’t have the best handwriting but my dad always taught me that Mister Palmer said if you’re going to sign somebody’s autograph you might as well take the time to make sure they can read your handwriting and so that’s something I’ve always remembered.

NATS; I think you get to go into the men’s locker room.

SCHEFFLER SOT: It’s a pretty special week here in Orlando, it was nice to get the job done here in Arnie’s place.

NATS: You got something to drink? I’m drinking a Guinness. Guinness? How is it? That’s good.

SCHEFFLER SOT: It’s so special to be a a part of this tournament and what mister Palmer meant to the game of golf and to us as professional golfers as well. Been very thankful to win this tournament.

NATS: Mister Scheffler, congratulations on your victory. May I show you our champions locker? Please do. Number two, right next to mister Palmer. Awesome. Oh man you already put my stuff in there too. Sneaky. We’re all ready for you, congratulations. Appreicate it, thank you. That’s a wrap.