

2024 PGA TOUR: The CUT #18
International Script

COLD OPEN

ANNC: "The 2024 Zurich Classic of New Orleans. Four ball format equals low numbers on the leaderboard. We have three sets of brothers competing this week, two sets of twins, the Hojgaard's and the Coody's."

Pierceson Coody SOT - We're really glad to be here. I don't think we've played any type of tournament format where we've actually been true partners. // this week we're going to be relying on each other // and hopefully we're still friends and brothers after this.

ANNC: "I'll tell you one thing, I'd have to think Shane Lowry was pretty excited when his phone rang and Rory asked him to play in this."

SHANE LOWRY SOT - I just go where I'm told this week and I just do what I'm told. Rory is the captain, team captain.

RORY MCILROY SOT - This is my 17th year as a professional golfer, and to be able to still do things for the first time like play in this event // 00:11:44 I just thought it would be fun to do, going and playing here with a friend and // trying to play some good golf during the day. I thought it would be a fun week.

RORY AND SHANE FEATURE

Producer: This is the first time you are paired up together in an event. Can you tell me how this came about? Who asked who?

RORY MCILROY: Yeah I guess I sort of asked Shane. We came home from Rome after a nice week at Ryder Cup and you were having lunch at my house the Wednesday after and we solidified the plan Christmas time?

SHANE LOWRY: He texted me, Rory texted me around Christmas time and I was like, yeah, I mean, I didn't need, didn't need to say too much more. But yeah, we talked about it that week after all. I'm not sure whether I thought it was a drink talk or not. And we. Yeah. Yeah, we decided we were and obviously, Yeah, we're we're here now. We're looking forward to it.

SHANE LOWRY: I think we will be good together. I think we feed off each other well. I think we're good for each other on and off the course. I think we're both, you know, playing good golf and at certain times.

ANNC: Oh, what a shot from McElroy.

ANNC: Oh, this looks tasty.

SHANE LOWRY: Maybe what we need is somebody to back it up at certain times of the week, and, you know, it'll all work.

RORY MCILROY: Well, you know, I'll know when to leave him alone on the course. I'll know when I can speak up. And, I think just sort of having that understanding of your partners is a good thing.

RORY MCILROY: We'll feed off each other, you know? We know each other very well. We played in so many different teams together since we were teenagers. So we've got a good bit of shared history together, and we've had one outing together as a team in the Ryder Cup at Whistling Straits, which. But I mean, I'd like to think I am playing much better now than I was back then.

RORY MCILROY: It's funny, I would probably say that you would be probably the more serious right?

SHANE LOWRY: I'd be a bit more, probably more intense. Yeah. Like, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. When it comes to playing tournament, I don't think people don't get that off me. But yeah, I get a little bit more, I'll tell you probably than you do. And yeah, intense with things a little different.

ANNC: A new look for Shane Lowry today going with the pink Rory was joking. He said he texted me early in the week. Said how many black shirts do I need to bring so we could match?

RORY MCILROY: I don't think this course lets you be too aggressive. I think, you know, it's a pretty conservative golf course. You just have to hit it in position off the tee.

SHANE LOWRY: I mean, four ball is obviously a bit friendlier where you have two balls in play and you know you got a chance for a partner out for subs. Obviously you've got one ball and it's it's a pretty difficult format. But you know we played both formats a lot over the years. You know we know what to do when we're out there. We know when to be aggressive. We know when not to be aggressive. It's just it's just golf together that, you know, it's about going out there and allowing yourself to play at the shots. And if we shoot low numbers or if we shoot high numbers, we're targeting our best.

MORIKAWA AND LAWSON WALK AND TALK

COLLIN MORIKAWA: You got any advice for us? I mean, you're a fighter. You've gone through a lot over the past few years.

LAWSON: Win the day.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Win the day?

LAWSON: That's my, quote.

COMMS: Lawson, this is Colin.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: What up, Lawson

LAWSON: Nice to meet you.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Good to meet you as well. How are you doing today?

LAWSON: Good.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: This is my. This is my partner, Kurt.

LAWSON: Nice to meet you.

KURT KITAYAMA: Nice to meet you.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Do you love golf?

LAWSON: I play like putt putt

COLLIN MORIKAWA: I'm pretty bad at putt putt.

LAWSON: I always get holes in one.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Maybe we'll have to have a match one day and you might be beating me at that.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: You got a favorite number?

LAWSON: 444.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: 444

LAWSON: Cause it means the angels are watching over you and that was my number in the hospital.

LAWSON: When I was seven, no it was 8 I got cancer bone marrow cancer and I was admitted to the hospital. I got to go home after like a few months.

LAWSON: And then about a year or two later, it was probably a year and a half. I got cancer again, this one was a lot shorter, though, it was like a month or two. So that was a lot better. And then I got to go home and see my brother again and so far that's where I am.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Everything's been okay so far?

LAWSON: Yes, sir.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Good, man. You got any advice for us? I mean, you're a fighter. You've gone through a lot over the past few years.

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COLLIN MORIKAWA: Alright . We're going to do that this week. Win the day. Alright. I'm gonna write it in my yardage book. Alright?

LAWSON: Alright.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Win the day. There you go. Yeah. Right there. I'm gonna look at that every day. Alright?

LAWSON: Cool

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Let's head over to the other side of the green. We gotta go hit my shot.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Bite!

LAWSON: That was good.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: You like that one?

LAWSON: Yes, sir.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: I thought I hit it too far, but it worked out pretty good.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Let's see your putt putt skills. You ready?

LAWSON: Yes, sir.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Alright.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Oh, alright tap it in. I'm going to blame it on the putter. It's a little long for you. That's like. That's when you get in your, you know, your 20s and you get taller.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Did you enjoy it?

LAWSON: Yes, sir.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Alright. Have fun out here.

LAWSON: I will.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Thank you. Win the day alright.

LAWSON: Yes, sir.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Win the day. Alright, see you buddy.

LAWSON: Bye.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Thank you.

A BLOCK BUMP

ALEX FITZPATRICK: The issue is with opposite people. So he loves looking at Excel spreadsheets. And I like playing video games.

COODY: I have no idea for the perfect team, but I think we like each other for the most part.

Brothers Feature

VO: HISTORY IN THE MAKING... THREE PAIR OF BROTHERS - INCLUDING TWO SETS OF TWINS – ARE IN THE FIELD FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THE ZURICH CLASSIC OF NEW ORLEANS.

VO: THE COODY'S, THE HOJGAARD'S AND THE FITZPATRICK'S ARE AMONG SOME THE YOUNGEST IN THE FIELD WITH AN AVERAGE COMBINED AGE OF 25.

FITZPATRICK SOT: I'm not going to play with anyone else. I'm always going to play with my brother regardless of the state of his game or my game.

ANNC: Matt Fitzpatrick from a similar position. This his third.//Hello!//He says pick it up baby bro.

ANNC: Drop back to Alex Fitzpatrick. Oh! Gets that to drop for eagle! That's the way you take care of your older brother."

FITZPATRICK SOT: Yeah, we don't see each other a lot. He's currently living at my house, but he's never really there. But yeah, we'll play together in the summer in Switzerland, the Dunhill, Wentworth// Hopefully US Open... Yeah, all that stuff, too.//

FITZPATRICK SOT: The issue is we're opposite people. He loves looking at Excel spreadsheets, and I like playing video games. There's probably not too much in common.

ANNC: "The family ties, they fit right into this in the team format."

COODY SOT: We didn't even ask each other. It just was kind of like implied. I think it would have been a little disappointing if we didn't play together or like oh, why aren't you playing together. No, we committed to the tournament as teammates, and here we are.

COODY SOT: I have no idea if we're the perfect team, but I think it'll be a fun week. We obviously know each other really well, and at least I think we like each other for the most part.

VO: THE SECOND SET OF IDENTICAL TWINS - EUROPEANS NICOLAI AND RASMUS HOJGAARD - ARE MAKING THEIR TOURNAMENT DEBUT.

ANNC: At the fairway Nicolai Hojgaard, you mention three sets of brothers. Perfect angle from the left side and takes advantage.

ANNC: Nicolai Hojgaard good job there//Nicolai 3-time DP world tour winner his twin brother Rasmus 4 time winner there.

GOTTERUP AND ECKROAT FEATURE

ANNC: These two guys are young and they're both studs. They really are. A tremendous amount of talent.

AUSTIN ECKROAT: We're teaming up for Zurich.

CHRIS GOTTERUP: I haven't played anything team related in two years now, so, it'll be fun.

AUSTIN ECKROAT: We have a similar personality, very mellow guys. Not a whole lot of emotion going on.

CHRIS GOTTERUP: We have different games, but, I think we can kind of mesh together pretty good.

CHRIS GOTTERUP: The first time we met was Korn Ferry Finals. We played nine holes out there.

AUSTIN ECKROAT: We hit it off pretty well that first, practice time together and stayed in touch and him moving 500 yards away from, you know, made the the friendship pretty easy.

CHRIS GOTTERUP: And now we play at our course at home all the time.

CHRIS GOTTERUP NAT: So we're at Oak Tree, first tee. Logan, Kreil, and Eckroat.

AUSTIN ECKROAT: That's what's kind of fun about having friends out on the PGA TOUR and traveling with guys, and especially when they're at home, too, you build the relationship close enough to where you can give each other shit.

AUSTIN ECKROAT NAT: Chris, I just did what you did on the last hole.

CHRIS GOTTERUP NAT: This is good TV right here.

CHRIS GOTTERUP: We play all the time at home and pretty even dogfights at home when we're playing.

AUSTIN ECKROAT NAT: You hate to see it.

AUSTIN ECKROAT: Obviously, we want to beat each other and that's just part of it. But it's kind of a good push.

ANNC: And that is official. Austin Eckroat has broken through at the Cognizant Classic.

CHRIS GOTTERUP: It was fun to kind of see it from outside of the ropes. a little bit. Well, not that much fun,

AUSTIN ECKROAT: It was great for him and his brother to come out and watch.

AUSTIN ECKROAT: it was just cool to have that, you know, friend there with me.

CHRIS GOTTERUP: It's a good motivating factor to know that someone that I play with all the time and is a winner on tour and that I'm not that far away. He's been through the rookie year and grinded it out and stuff. So now that he's got, that second year and a win under his belt, I'm a year behind. And in that sense, I hopefully I can pick things up and, learn from what he's doing.

AUSTIN ECKROAT: We have that relationship and especially when we're teaming up together at Zurich. Like, I'll feel comfortable

CHRIS GOTTERUP: I think we're both pretty mellowed out. And, you know, we're not going to get on each other too much, hopefully. it'll be a fun week.

THE CUT REJOIN

Joel Dahmen impact feature

NICK: Nice to meet you, do you remember me from last year?

JOEL DAHMEN: Good to see you. I do. How you been? I love the hat.

JOEL DAHMEN: This is great. We're in team format today. We'll just throw him right in the fire straight off the bench.

JOEL DAHMEN: It's all good.

NICK: My nerves got me.

JOEL DAHMEN: Hey, it happens. We just. We we just three right in the middle of it.

JOEL DAHMEN: You're a senior in high school?

NICK: Yeah, I'm about to graduate.

JOEL DAHMEN: Nice. We know where we're going yet.

NICK: Not yet.

JOEL DAHMEN: Need some food? You sure? Got they. I'm good. I've been eating all day out here. There's more. More to go.

NICK: So, right now I'm two years in remission.

JOEL DAHMEN: Congratulations.

NICK: Freshman year of high school, I found a lump in my neck, and so I went to get it checked out. Turns out it was a Burkitt lymphoma.

JOEL DAHMEN: Okay, well, then you're two years removed. Good for you. That's awesome.

Unfortunately, we're part of a fraternity that isn't as fun as other fraternities to be part of.

Yeah, but it's awesome. You're on the good side of it. JOEL DAHMEN: How often do you play golf?

NICK: try it every week. Lately, with the school. Pretty much almost every day.

JOEL DAHMEN: Nice. So we played on the high school team?

NICK: Yeah.

JOEL DAHMEN: Oh, nice.

NICK: I suck at tournament play.

JOEL DAHMEN: Tournament golf. I think a lot of times you have to rely on the practice that you've done prior and just settling the heart rate down so you control your breathing. So it's like you walk slower, you try to think slower.

JOEL DAHMEN: How far we get? What are you hitting i from here?

NICK: Probably about approaching wood or pitching wedge, I think.

JOEL DAHMEN: Exactly.

JOEL DAHMEN: We're gonna have a make a putt. You want to make a birdie putt?

NICK: Yeah.

JOEL DAHMEN: Maybe you got a future in the caddy in business? Maybe he'll break Geno's leg in the parking lot and carry that heavy thing around.

JOEL DAHMEN: What's the read, Nick?

NICK: Little right to left.

JOEL DAHMEN: A little right to left.

JOEL DAHMEN: Member of the team. I love that one. Nice work dude. Great putt.

NICK: Can I keep this ball?

JOEL DAHMEN: Absolutely. I'd lend you this putter. But I gotta ,I gotta see if it works for me. I think I just put some good juju on it.

NICK: I'm very grateful for this opportunity. I look up the job and cancer survivor, and I'm also a cancer survivor. He signed the ball and my hat. I'm going to frame in my house that.

JOEL DAHMEN: Thank you. Thanks for coming out. It was great meeting me.

NICK: Absolutely.

JOEL DAHMEN: Take care if that's, like, in the future. You keep playing golf.

NICK: Yeah. That's the plan.

JOEL DAHMEN: We'll see you late Sunday for the victory party. How's that?

NICK: Yeah, it sounds awesome.

FINAL ROUND RECAP

ANNC: We are back on the bayou // and records crowds here at TPC Louisiana.// It's the only team event on the PGA TOUR Schedule.// And the format is back to// foursomes, also known as alternate shot.

ANNC: And there's the birdie. And what a round for Ramey and Trainer. A 63 that ties the alternate shot record.

TRAINER SOT: We almost played better in this format than best ball which you should shoot lower in.

ANNC : There are the crowds funneling in to see if Lowry and McIlroy can provide some drama.

ANNC: Rory chip onto 18 green "What a shot! The fans love it here on 18 and Lowry will putt to get to 25 under Par.

ANNC: An Irish flag blowing in the wind as this Irish team goes for birdie. Yes! A bumpy start for them but they have more golf to play.

ANNC: This is the kind of putt you'd want to win a tournament. 18:20:01 this is when you dig deep. (shane misses putt) oh wow.

ANNC: Trainer a chance to extend the playoff. (misses putt) Missed it! And it's an Irish party in New Orleans. McIlroy and Lowry win the Zurich Classic.

FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

VO: WITH THE WIN - AND 400 FEDEXCUP POINTS - SHANE LOWRY EDGES CLOSER TO MOVING INSIDE THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP TEN...VAULTING TO 12TH PLACE

VO: AFTER THEIR VICTORY IN NEW ORLEANS, SHANE LOWRY AND RORY MCILROY MAKE A JUMP IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS AFTER EARNING 400 POINTS AT THE ZURICH CLASSIC OF NEW ORLEANS.

WINNER'S SOT

SHANE LOWRY SOT : We both felt we needed to come in here and have a strong week. 00:01:38 and it would be nice to get that jump up in the FEC. It's great to get a win. It was great fun all week. I've enjoyed every minute of it like having this guy by my side. it was amazing. We went out there we had loads of fun and we won the tournament. You can't ask for anything more.

RORY MCILROY SOT: To win any PGA TOUR event is pretty cool but to do it with one of your closest friends and awesome to be able to do it alongside this man.

RAPID RECOVERY

Rapid recovery presented by Servpro, the number one choice in cleanup and restoration. I don't think this lip is going to be much of a problem, but he's definitely aware of it. He doesn't like it. Probably coming up the well to the right. That was darn near a shank.

Now, Rory found the bunker that very few people on this hole do. That was a pretty good shot. Can they salvage a par and get to the sixth unscathed? No, but there you go. No bogey. So McIlroy and Lowry remain at minus four.

ZURICH GATOR CHALLENGE

COLLIN MORIKAWA: One thing we can all expect to see this week at the Zurich Classic is a gator ro two. This year at the 20th Zurich Classic, we'll take aim at our gator mouth from different locations around the green with our wedge. Each round, the player who is the furthest away from the gator will be eliminated, leaving just one standing at the end.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: I'm down here so we can go on to the next station. We all know we're going to do.

SAHITH THEEGALA: That was nice. We might need to measure that.

SAHITH THEEGALA: That was nice. How did you bounce out your drive in advance? He just is more talented than I am.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: On the next kids.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Bounce. Nice. Nice. Billy.

BILLY HORSCHER: No, I was trying to make it honest. I was honestly trying to work on that.

SAHITH THEEGALA: Good chunk and run and just chunk it on the green.

BILLY HORSCHER: Oh! Oh, she's pass Collins, am I? Yeah, I saw it. You're pass Collins.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: All right Billy. You and me bud.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Oh my I just done a first try. I did, I did. What a lucky bounce.

BILLY HORSCHER: Thank you. Thank you. Appreciate you letting the old guy win. Very nice of you guys. I won. The gator should have won this challenge. I mean, it's only right.

LOOK AHEAD CJ CUP

ANNC: This is only one of two current PGA tour events named after a former player.

ANNC: The newly named C.J. Cup. Byron Nelson at TPC Craig Ranch.

PIERCESON COODY: My first PGA tour event as an amateur was here. So this tournament means a lot to me.

ANNC: Back to back winner of C.J. Cup Byron Nelson

KH LEE: 2021 and 2022 a lot of good memories here.

ANNC: Jason Day, won last year's C.J. Cup Byron Nelson, which he will defend.

JASON DAY: To go through what I went through and then to, to be able to be in the winner's circle is very pleasing.