2024 PGA TOUR: The CUT #19

International Script

COLD OPEN

ANNC: TPC Craig Ranch in McKinney, Texas it’s THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson. Downtown Dallas just about 30 miles from here. Gorgeous setting. The CJ Group now part of the long history of this event taking you all the way back to 1944.

Mr. Nelson lent his name to this tournament in 1968, the first PGA TOUR event to be named for a pro golfer.

Things are heating up here in Texas!

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

KRIS KIM MAKES PGA TOUR DEBUT

ANNC: This is a youngster 16 years of age from England and he’s playing on a sponsor’s exemption making his PGA TOUR debut.

KANG: How does it feel?

KIM: Yeah, it's been pretty surreal so far.

KANG: Are you nervous at all?

KIM: I’m not at the moment, but I know first tee nerves will always be there. I feel ready. I'm hitting the ball pretty well. Putting pretty well. So, yeah, I just got to stay mentally strong out there.

STARTER: From England, welcome Kris Kim.

ANNC: You can tell he’s just got it right mentally. You can tell it doesn’t phase him.

How about that?

KANG: Are there any goals for this tournament?

KIM: Make the cut, I think that would be pretty cool and then whatever happens on the weekend happens. Sometimes you can get so sucked into thinking about the score or thinking about your performance, when in reality, you should be just enjoying it the whole way.

ANNC: This kid, has basically just torn it up (Torn it up) in the Amateur rank. Performed beautifully at the Jr. Ryder Cup for the European Team. Wasn’t he 4 and 0? Just dialed in.

KIM: First hit a golf ball when I was around five. My mom used to play on the tour, so always used to watch her and then ended up falling in love with it myself.

KANG: What is this experience been like as a family?

KIM: I think it's been pretty cool for her as well, to see I am playing the same events that she would have played on the ladies’ tour.

SUH: I am very excited, and I am very proud of him. I’m a bit nervous for him.

KANG: Does she give you tips on your swing?

KIM: Yeah, she tries to and most of the time, it’s pretty good, so going to keep listening.

PRODUCER: What advice did you give him?

SUH: Do your best and then just enjoy it!

KANG: Where do you see yourself in ten years?

KIM: Probably here again. Playing on this TOUR, that would be a dream come true.

BBQ SHOWDOWN

WALKER: That’s going to be a first, chopsticks and barbeque.

HONG: Being here in Texas, at THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson, we’re going to step into the barbeque bunker. Talk about Texas barbeque, Korean barbeque with PGA TOUR pros Ben An and Jimmy Walker.

HONG: We have two ribs. Korean barbeque, a lot of that sweetness, that savory, that umami. Obviously, a little bit of that smoke. We have some special ones. The first one we have is beef king short rib, marinated in bibigo’s soy drizzle sauce.

Right here is a gochujang pork rib. Incorporate some of the gochujang bibigo sauce with a little bit of the American barbeque sauce.

WALKER: Wow. I could eat a lot of that.

AN: My mom and my grandma used to cook these and you know we still eat it at home right now with me and my family.

KASH: Alright so we’re going to jump right into some Texas barbeque. We have here a smoked brisket sandwich with coleslaw topping. Homemade pickle on top just to give it some extra texture, a little crunch with the bite and we got some sweet barbeque sauce in there just to bring it all together.

HONG: That’s really good.

WALKER: That’s a hell of a sandwich. I think the crunch, the smoke, the flavor of the meat. // I know when I cook at home, I like doing it pretty much cold, right out of the fridge and I think that brings out more color in the meat, especially on the edges where you get the smoke ring and the longer you cook it in the smoke I mean you’re just going to get more and more and more and more.

HONG: So I’ll ask. Jimmy, Ben, if you had choose between Texas barbeque and Korean barbeque is there a clear winner for you or do they have their own merits?

WALKER: I do prefer our pork ribs more. The smoke I think adds a lot. It’s definitely opened my eyes.

AN: If I had to really pick one, it definitely has to be the Korean barbeque. I’m too biased.

HONG: You’re not biased.

AN: I’m not at all. It’s not like I’m Korean or anything or lived there for long enough but yeah I like the Korean barbeque.

KASH: Well it’s been fun hanging out with Ben, Jimmy, and Deuki and it’s been even better being able to feed them some delicious Texas and Korean barbeque.

THOMAS DETRY FEATURE

DETRY: Bonjour! Je m’appelle Thomas Detry. Je Suis Belge et je sont PGA TOUR.

So I speak four languages, French, Dutch, Spanish and English. Just born and raised speaking those, those languages, so never really had to work for it but it's, it’s, it makes life very easy.

Once I turned 18, I went to college, obviously quickly came over to the US. I went to the University of Illinois, which was amazing. I saw an old ranking for my senior year. Saw all the names on that leaderboard, and it was Scottie, me, Sam Burns, JT was there, Jordan Spieth. All the big names that you kind of recognize out here, they were all playing with me at the highest level as well in college. It shows the strength of the PGA TOUR like some of the best college players back then are some of the best players in the world right now.

The number one tool in my bag that's not a golf club is my JLAB headphones. So, the reason why is, I love music. I listen to music pretty much 24/7 when I'm not around my family. My mom listened to a lot of classical music, my dad, a lot of jazz music. So I've kind of always loved a wide variety of music, and it's almost like music has become a passion. So I've just enjoyed listening to all sorts of different kinds of music and, and I've got my headphones all the time, even when I'm traveling. So having them on me is a big part of me and it's a big part of my golf bag.

I feel like my game is evolving, my game is getting better and better and if I just keep putting myself in those positions, I think it's definitely going to come a long time. I've played some really, really good golf and I feel my game mentally as well, the way I'm approaching Sundays when I'm in contention, I feel like I'm getting better at it. In the past sometimes I used to be a bit reluctant to be in contention, you know, I'd be a bit scared in a way and now it's like, okay, let's go. Let's have a fun Sunday. Let's do something special out here and it's fun, you know, and then suddenly playing competitive golf becomes so much more fun as well and that's when you start having good results.

HAYDEN SPRINGER FEATURE

EMMA SPRINGER: We had told she would live, you know, 1 to 3 days, basically. If she survived delivery. We did not anticipate bringing her home with us.

HAYDEN SPRINGER: We’re praying and praying and praying and hoping that the doctors are wrong.

EMMA SPRINGER: We saw a miracle happen right there in the in the operating room where I had a C-section, and we ended up bringing her home with us. There was a lot of uncertainty, sleepless nights, and just so, so many emotions.

We had one really good stretch where for 14 months she was only hospitalized one time for a week, so we had a really good stretch of just doing life together and enjoying it.

Especially in the last year of her life, her health wasn't as good and so she had a number of hospitalizations.

HAYDEN SPRINGER: There was probably a few stretches where it's like I wouldn't sleep in my bed at home. I would be at a tournament, come sleep at the hospital and then go to, go to another tournament.

EMMA SPRINGER: Where anybody else would just be miserable and she'd have the biggest smile on her face. She'd be so happy to play with you. She wanted to, you know, sort of just defy the odds.

ANNC: For Hayden Springer to earn his PGA TOUR card. Obviously, throughout that entire time was thinking about his daughter.

HAYDEN SPRINGER: I can just close my eyes and think about her smiling and it's kind of a grounding. Kind of gets you back to neutral and, you know, not thinking about golf, not thinking about the last shot, the next shot.

BURNS: I've never been so proud of somebody in my life after what he's been through and persevere like this for Sage. So, it just means a ton for the Springer family. So I'm just beyond proud for them. He did amazing.

NEYLAND SPRINGER: The emotion is, in inside our family the last couple of months have been real tough. The highest highs and the lowest lows and, it’s really for him to control his emotions and do what he just did is pretty impressive.

EMMA SPRINGER NAT: Let’s see it daddy. Can mommy see?

HAYDEN SPRINGER: I've worked essentially my whole life to get to this position and you dream about it, and it's like you don't know exactly when that day will come but, I mean, today's the day and yeah, I mean, it's unbelievable. It's like, I don't even really have words to, to describe it.

ANNC: To come back the following month and get through PGA TOUR Q-School to get his PGA TOUR card. Jumped the Korn Ferry Tour. What a story in the works.

EMMA SPRINGER: We have a nonprofit called Extra to Love. Our little thing is that we believe extra chromosomes are extra to love because that was her thing, she had an extra chromosome.

I think what we learned from her is joy does not come from your circumstances. Just to see such a small girl just be so mighty and so joyful in her short life. We've been changed by her.

HAYDEN SPRINGER: It's just overall perspective. She smiled a lot, trying to smile a lot. We're very blessed to, to be healthy. We're very blessed to be here. For me to be playing on the PGA TOUR, it definitely is a blessing.

EMMA SPRINGER: Every part of it has been inspired by some portion of our experience with her and so, you know, I think it's always going to have her legacy just sort of woven through that.

TAYLOR PENDRITH WINS THE CJ CUP BYRON NELSON

ANNC: If Taylor makes his and Ben makes his it’ll be a tie at 23-under.

Kohles to save par. Oh no! That is just pressure.

PENDRITH: When he missed his par putt and I realized I had a putt for the win, it was all a blur really. I've never had a putt to win a PGA TOUR event, so my caddie said this is the straightest putt we've had all year and just knock it in.

ANNC: Taylor Pendrith is a PGA TOUR winner for the first time! And the Canadians over the last three years have amassed quite a number of victories and that’s a special one for Taylor Pendrith.

PENDRITH: I've held the 54-hole lead before and haven't got it done. I learned a lot from that and just tried to be a little better today and stay in my own lane and just kind of put my head down and go to work.

**TAYLOR PENDRITH’S VICTORY IN TEXAS MOVES HIM TO 34TH IN PURSUIT OF THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10.**

PENDRITH: I feel like my game has been close the last few weeks. Starting to feel better physically after a long time. It's been a grind for the last little bit. You know, I got off to a good start in the year with two top 10s and then missed a bunch of cuts. Wasn't playing great. Mentally wasn't really having fun and then everything kind of clicked this week. I think all aspects of my game were, were very solid. So, it gives me tons of confidence moving forward.

FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

**PENDTRITH BECOMES THE SIXTH FIRST-TIME TOUR WINNER THIS SEASON AND CLAIMS 500 FEDEXCUP POINTS AHEAD OF HIS FIRST SIGNATURE EVENT APPEARANCE THIS WEEK AT QUAIL HALLOW.**

500 STARTS ROUND TABLE

PALMER: You sit back and I always say this, I’m still waiting to wake up from the dream. I never once looked at as a job.

HOFFMAN: First start was, I was a 16-year-old amateur in San Diego. I had no belt on. I had like a tie dye fairway blue shirt. I didn't… it wasn't a very good look. I can, I can tell you that but I…

JOHNSON: Came off the beach.

HOFFMAN: Yeah, exactly. I just played golf because I loved it and it was always, always so challenging for me. That's what I think why I'm still out here because I'm still trying to figure this game out.

PALMER: It always goes back to your wins. Of course, I'll never forget my first obviously in Disney World, shooting 62 on Sunday to beat then number one Vijay Singh.

JOHNSON: The first one’s the one that you're like, ‘man, I really do belong out here.’ So, for me, it’d probably be Atlanta back in 2004.

HOFFMAN: What comes to mind is like the journey to the TOUR that took a few years to get out here. Missing a bunch of cuts in a row. Traveling with Zach on the road, but once you get your TOUR card out here, which we always dreamed of having, and then getting that first one for me at the Bob Hope in the desert, like I kept my card and that was my goal that year was to keep my card. It was like now I belong. Way to me starts for how many wins we have, but it's obviously it's the next one what keeps us out here to keep going and we're not out here to get, get starts, we're out here to get wins.

PALMER: Walking the fairway with somebody that's been out here for the first time and talking to them. I enjoy it when they asked me how many years I've been out here and I tell them and their look on their faces is like whoa, I didn't realize you were that old.

JOHNSON: We had those guys before us too, right the guys that we went up to and conferred with. You know, the Davis Loves and Jay Haases.

Seeing these young guys play now, they're good people, a lot better looking than us, hit it a lot further, but they're hungry too, which is cool to see and I'm learning. I mean, maybe they're learning something from me, I learned from them. I mean, shoot, we're still trying to compete too. We still want to win, we still want to get better and you know, we'd be naive and foolish not to think that we can't watching them.

PALMER: You know, there's moments where you sit back and you know, people say “500 starts, congratulations,” and you sit back and just think about like, holy cow.

JOHNSON: It's 500 weeks. That's… it's not just you're starting Thursday, it's 500 weeks of like your full attention, ideally through Monday through Sunday. That's where it's like kind of mine numbing.

PALMER: I still can play. I feel like I can compete still, you know, I still want to play for next three or four years and until the body gives out or I really say, ‘okay, I can't beat these guys, I’m out of here.’ You know, ‘I'm going to go join the older guys.’

JOHNSON: And that's hard too.

PALMER: Yeah, exactly. Never once sat on the range going ‘Uhh, I have no chance today, look at these kids. Uhh, can I leave now?’ You know, I'm eager to get, I'm anxious, I'm ready to go. I want to be that guy that’s 47 going, yep, beat you, beat you, beat you.

HOFFMAN: It’s a little more satisfying being the old guy.

PALMER: Yes.

HOFFMAN: Six-year-old me would thank my parents for how much sacrificed, they did for me to be able to play golf and be able to do what I love to do, drive me around the golf course and that sort of be much more grateful for what they did.

JOHNSON: You took my word.

HOFFMAN: So that's why I went. I knew you were going to steal it from me.

JOHNSON: No it’s awesome. So true.

HOFFMAN: Just to be grateful we have had the opportunity to play golf,

JOHNSON: Be grateful for everything, every experience, be grateful for the times where it's really, really, really hard, because that's what's going to shape your character

SCRAMBLING LEADERS

**THE CUT PRESENTS… SCRAMBLING LEADERS.**

**FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, THESE ARE THE PLAYERS WHO LED THE PGA TOUR IN SCRAMBLING PERCENTAGE.**

ANNC: Reavie from that bunker in the middle of the green at 16. Sounded a little chunky. That’s why you see it didn’t spin a ton.

Good up and down there from Chez Reavie!

ANNC: Looks like he’s going to go right at it. Lie’s good, that’s a good thing. That was pretty darn good. That was really good.

Big putt! Wow! To stay bogey free today!

ANNC: Here’s Kuest, his third from just off the green. Plenty doable though. Little false front there, pitch it up on top. Oooo, ooo, would have been birdie number for Peter.

G4D TOUR @ THE CJ CUP BYRON NELSON RECAP

KANG: THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson hosted G4D, Golf For the Disabled Tour’s first event, with the PGA TOUR and in the U.S., with 10 of the world’s best golfers with a disability playing on the same course as PGA TOUR professionals right here at TPC Craig Ranch.

PRESENTER: This inaugural tournament has brought 10 of the best players to North Texas from 8 countries and featured the top 8 ranked males and the top 2 ranked females in the world. Mr. Nelson would be very proud of all of you.

KANG: The Netherland’s Daphne van Houten was the top finishing female participant.

VAN HOUTEN: It’s called Golf for Disability, and it’s a tour where we play on the same events as now also PGA TOUR. We play just a few days before they play, so we play the same course. It can only grow the game of golf, and hopefully also in America get people with a disability to play golf, because they maybe see us on like television, or watching here, and are like, maybe I can play as well.

I am quite proud, I don’t say it often, but I am. I didn’t play well this week, but it’s a progress. It’s just amazing to be here and to play again, and I shouldn’t worry that much about my score.

KANG: Mike Brown’s back nine surge led to the Englishman’s third career G4D title.

BROWN: I’m a bit speechless, at the moment, to be honest, but yeah, it’s pretty special to make history over here.

2011, I broke my leg and got an infection, fast forward, I had my leg amputated in 2014, and then found a charity called The On Course, which helps wounded and sick servicemen rehabilitate through golf. I had no intention of being a player or being a professional golfer I just took it up.

For us to be able to display what disability golf is and how well we can play, and the variety of sort of disabilities we’ve got, it showcases something amazing. In the future, this is going to be massive, I think.

Golf, it’s given me so much. I was in a very, very dark place and golf turned that around for me. So, if it can do that for me, it can do that for anyone.

AON NEXT 10 & SWING 5 FOR THE WELLS FARGO CHAMPIONSHIP

ANNC: It’s an Irish party in New Orleans! McIlroy and Lowry win the Zurich Classic!

LOWRY: We both said at the start of the week “let’s go and get 400 points each” and that’s what we’ve done. I nearly feel a little bad taking them because Rory carried me a lot of the way but yeah they’re mine and they’re not going away!

**SHANE LOWRY MADE STARTS IN THE LAST TWO SIGNATURE EVENTS THANKS TO SPONSOR EXEMPTIONS, BUT HIS VICTORY ALONGSIDE TEAMMATE RORY MCILROY IN NEW ORLEANS MEANS LOWRY HAS SECURED HIS NEXT START IN A SIGNATURE EVENT AT THE WELLS FARGO CHAMPIONSHIP VIA THE AON NEXT 10.**

**ALSO QUALIFYING FOR THE WELLS FARGO CHAMPIONSHIP IS ANOTHER RECENT VETERAN WINNER…**

ANNC: A final round 63 for Horschel. His 8th career on the PGA TOUR.

HORSCHEL: I felt like a win was coming and I didn't want to sit at home and watch someone else possibly win a tournament that I could have been at and done something about.

**BILLY HORSCHEL ALONG WITH THESE 4 OTHER PLAYERS WILL BE AT QUAIL HOLLOW VIA THE AON SWING 5 AND THEIR PLAY AT THE LAST THREE FULL-FIELD EVENTS.**

TV TIMES

**18 OF THE TOP 20 PLAYERS IN THE OFFICIAL WORLD GOLF RANKING WILL BE IN CHARLOTTE THIS WEEK AS THE SIXTH SIGNATURE EVENT OF THE YEAR TAKES PLACE AT THE WELLS FARGO CHAMPIONSHIP.**

THE WELLS FARGO CHAMPIONSHIP LOOKAHEAD

ANNC: Quail Hallow, it’s gorgeous, it’s always well attended and it has such a big time feel here.

HOMA: Each hole has a ton of character. It's one of those long courses that demand a decent amount of precision.

FOWLER: You can't really fake it around. It does a good job of testing all parts of your game.

MCILROY: You got to, you know, take on some shots that are intimidating. The cream rises to the top of that golf course.

ANNC: We’ve seen Rory McIlroy with his first win here and Rickie Fowler and Max Homa, and now Wyndham Clark has his maiden victory.

CLARK: It’s been a long five years to get to this point on TOUR and you know, I thought I would have had one earlier but it was well worth the wait and I’m just so grateful.