2024 PGA TOUR: The CUT #21

Master Script

COLD OPEN

SPIETH: In the history of the PGA Championship. When Tiger won at Valhalla, that finish just being so epic. I probably grabbed a golf club and went out front because of that day.

THOMAS: I just remember after that week I'm like, I want do this, and this is unbelievable, this guy's a freak of nature. I want be him one day, or I want to be beating him one day.

I've never experienced playing in a TOUR event, let alone a major in my home state, let alone my hometown so, it's going to be great. It'll mean a lot getting all the support from everybody at home. Because Louisville is very, very special to me and I'm sure I'll have feelings that I've never had before.

SPIETH: It's a great championship. It's certainly a trophy that if you get your name on it, it's with the greats of the game.

McILROY: I've got my name on that trophy a couple of times. My 14 win in Valhalla in the dark is up there with one of my proudest moments.

Going into Valhalla in 2014 I had won my last two starts, and going into this year I've won my last two starts. So, just need to try to replicate whatever I did in 2014, just try to do that all over again.

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT, PRESENTED BY SERVPRO**.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE WINS THE PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

ANNC: Valhalla, what a site this has been.

The most important putt of Xander Schauffle’s career. Xander with victory at Valhalla! He just shot 65 in the final round of a major and he has set the scoring record for 72 holes on a major.

SCHAUFFELE: I was actually kind of emotional after the putt lipped in. It’s been a while since I’ve won and I really just I kept saying it all week, I just need to stay in my lane and keep focused on what I’m trying to do and keep every hole ahead of me.

It means so much to have my wife, my brother here, they make me feel very special and you know, I’m just happy to win this one for my team.

COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10

**FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT WEEK, XANDER SCHAUFFELE SITS IN SECOND IN THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP TEN.**

FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

**AND IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS, SCHAUFFELE EARNS 750 POINTS AND INCHES CLOSER TO NUMBER ONE, SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER.**

BILLY HORSCHEL WITH JACQUES SLADE

SLADE: Let's talk about 2023.

HORSCHEL: Yep.

SLADE: 2023 didn’t exactly, I would say, pop the way you would have wanted it to, but it seems like second quarter 2024 things are starting to shift. What is the difference between 2023 and 2024?

HORSCHEL: My teacher Todd Anderson and I said, hey we need to get on some, 3D systems just to make sure we're not missing something you know that the eye can't see, and so we did that Tuesday at the US Open. We went on GEARS 3D system with Michael Neff. My lie angles at the time were too upright. After seeing so many really bad golf shots that I have never hit in my life, we made a few little tweaks, you know, just to continue to improve with the swing and get the golf ball moving the way we want and then from there it was everything felt like it was just a matter of time, just continue to build and continue to do the right things and, and build on quality play and let that win come.

SLADE: Did you feel like at that moment, while you were at, in DR like this is really, the change is here? Like, I’m back?

HORSCHEL: I felt that a little bit, a few weeks prior that. I played really well at PGA National, Cognizant. Finished I think seventh there. I go to PLAYERS, We had a little conversation after missing the cut with my team, and we just sort of said, we need to be more fearless on the golf course and, and understand that, I was still being protective of, of trying not to hit those horrendous golf shots that I'd hit in ‘23 and understand if I, if I made the right golf swing then and we did the right thing, that even if I was a little off, those shots weren't going to happen anymore. I decided to play Corales Championship. I didn't want to sit at home for another week after missing the Masters and be home for two weeks. I felt like my game was close. I want to go down there and try and win and get a win on my belt.

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

HORSCHEL: Another step in the right direction of, working my way back up the mountain. I'm excited about where my game's going. I think there's still a lot of a lot of great stuff to be shown this year and I just got to stay patient and stay focused on what I can control and that's my day-to-day stuff and not get caught up in and some of the outside stuff going on.

SLADE: One of the movements in golf, that you’ve really been supportive of is the APGA. Why is that important to you the APGA as a whole and what do you think it does for those golfers to have someone of your stature there to support them?

HORSCHEL: I think they APGA’s great. I've been involved with it now for four years. The reason I got involved, when I look at the game of golf, the game of golf has come so far but we, we we've still got a ways to go to open up more doors and, and allow more people to experience this great game. There’s a lot of guys that have a lot of talent, they just haven’t had the right coaching, they haven’t had the right financial means behind them to be successful so the APGA Tour has made a lot of strides over the past handful of years, still a ways to go. I do believe there’s going to be someone from the APGA Tour on the PGA TOUR here in two to three years and these guys have the ability that I don't have. They have the ability to really touch someone of a similar background to be able to really bring change and bring more people into the game of a minority background. So, I want to give them that, that, stage, I want to give them that opportunity to, make a difference the way they see fit as well. Just try and give them the best chance of being successful at the game and making it to, you know, the PGA TOUR one day.

TRACE CROWE FEATURE

CROWE: I fell in love with it quickly. I dropped baseball and pretty much everything and that's all I wanted to do. I used to sneak out on the golf course. That was before like 10-year-olds have phones, iPhones now. So, my dad would give me like a walkie talkie we used to go hunting with. That was our communication when it got dark he’d, you know, send me a message saying let's, let's get back home.

My dad and some people around town started mentioned some junior tournaments and started doing that. Just really went head on from there. He just took me everywhere, used every like last penny to like get me these junior events and helped me get the coaching and very fortunate to have his, you know, determination to make sure I had every opportunity to be successful.

ANNC: Crowe, starting nicely here today. There you go. Nice catch hole. Good roll.

CROWE: You grow up watching it in high school and you think you can do it and then I got to school at Auburn. That's when I knew I really wanted to try to step it up and try to play at the next level.

Just the pressure of the whole week. You know, it was being in contention from like the first day until the last day.

ANNC: Crowe, rarely off the fairway. One of the first loose shots from Trace, but when you can do that, it really doesn't matter. Excellent, excellent approach. Had no idea, can’t see the green.

CROWE: I didn't really think about the end result being out here. I don't know, I look back on just being very calm and relaxed and almost like now you look back at it and you're like I just I just knew it was gonna happen that week in like, a weird, like confident way.

ANNC: Now Crowe. Playing very quickly. Wow. He's in some rhythm right now.

Sure, of course. Why would he miss it? Making everything else! Trace Crowe cruising to the PGA TOUR.

CROWE: The whole day you're so locked in and then when I saw him on the last green, my sister and him down there, I think that's when it started to kick in. You know, I skulled a chip because I was looking at them. Luckily I had some shots to play with but when I saw him it was pretty emotional, yeah.

ANNC: What a week for that guy, huh?

HAYNIE: I couldn't be prouder. This is his dream.

DALE CROWE: Words can't describe. You know, you watch a little kid grow up, loving the game, working his butt off and through adversity and everything. I'm so proud. Very, very proud.

CROWE: It just means all the hard work I've done ever since I was little trying to achive these dreams, you know. It means everything. I'm so happy and blessed to be out here. All the people around me, to help me get here, I'm so fortunate.

DALE CROWE: Heat. The kid’s got heart

SEPP STRAKA – JLAB

ANNC: Sepp Straka has become the first Austrian to win on the PGA TOUR!

STRAKA: Whether you win or lose, you learn something new. First one's hard to get, but it gives you a lot of experience in how to address it the next time you get in that situation

I still feel like I'm one of those guys that still looking up to the Marcus Briers and the Bernd Wiesbergers of Austria. Hasn't really sunk in that way yet.

Austria’s 75% of the country’s in the Alps, so you have a lot of mountain golf courses, with a lot of elevation changes and in the eastern part of Austria, they're pretty similar. Obviously, every course is a little different but the course that I grew up on was very, very American with a little bit of a links twist.

You basically have the same terms, you're just saying that an Austrian accent, for the most part. So birdie is a “birdie”, bogey’s a “bogey”, the shank is “socket” so that one’s different.

My rookie year I did a lot of strategy preparation because all the courses were new. Any time I spent on the golf course trying to learn the golf courses and try to learn where the good places are to hit it and where the bad places are to hit it. Over the years I've gotten to know most of the courses and my game’s changed a lot too, so I've gotten a little more structured in my practice off the golf course.Range work, putting work, all that's kind of the same thing every week.

I do my warmup, which is a couple of drills early on and then just try to get loose real quick and then I do a lot of the Trackman games. The strokes gained game and a wedge combine every day, 30 shots each and very structured. Not a whole lot of grinding on the range. Just a lot of games trying to stay sharp, hit my carry numbers.

When I'm at home practicing and really need to get focused or really when I kind of get away for a little bit I usually use my JLAB headphones. I listen to any kind of music, whatever I'm in the mood for. Country, classic rock, any kind of music really. Whatever the mood kind of calls for. Kind of drowns out the outside distractions. Don't have as many people walking up to you and talking to you when you got your headphones in and you can just kind of get away in your own little world.

PARKER COODY’S JOURNEY TO THE PGA TOUR

ANNC: Parker Coody won in the Canadian Tour. All part of his journey. Big learning process for him.

COODY: Once you turn professional, I mean it's your schedule and I think that's the biggest thing is learning that, like how to manage your time.

Playing Canada was actually probably more job interview. Like, how good do I think I am? Where do I stack up?

**PARKER COODY SPENT HIS FIRST PROFESSIONAL SEASON ON PGA TOUR CANADA, FINISHING 12TH IN POINTS BEFORE HEADING TO KORN FERRY TOUR Q-SCHOOL.**

COODY: Final stage is a really weird feeling because you have Korn Ferry status which is first priority. My number coming out of Q-school was like 100 on the priority list. That does not get you really any starts, but I was fortunate to get a few sponsor exemptions.

**WITH CONDITIONAL STATUS, COODY MISSED HIS FIRST THREE STARTS OF 2023, AND STRUGGLED ON THE FINAL DAY OF THE VERITEX BANK CHAMPIONSHIP, HIS LAST GUARANTEED TOURNAMENT TO IMPROVE HIS STATUS.**

COODY: I thought I blew my chances of playing the Korn Ferry that season just because it was right before the reshuffle. I was in a great spot, and that was a really tough Sunday that I really have learned a lot from.

I’ll never forget a standing in the parking lot with my dad, agent, and caddie at the time. I was like, what do we do here? Do I... because I had the spot at Colonial. Do I stay here? It was a late Sunday. Just practice for the week, get ready for Colonial, or do I go to Kansas City and try to do the Monday because I was only about two events away from going back to Canada, and that was really the turning point, was like, all right, I'm really close to having to go back. Like, I want to play Korn Ferry.

To this date, the best decision I’ve made in my golf career.

**PASSING UP A SPONSOR EXEMPTION TO THE 2023 CHARLES SCHWAB CHALLENGE, COODY TOOK A CHANCE AND HEADED TO KANSAS CITY, LOOKING TO QUALIFY INTO THE KORN FERRY TOUR’S ADVENTHEALTH CHAMPIONSHIP.**

COODY: There were 10 events in the Korn Ferry Tour season, I’ve played 3 or 4, like, okay, well, I really got to get moving now if I am going to get my PGA TOUR card and so that's why I gave the spot back at Colonial.

I was first guy with ball in air at like 7 a.m. and go out, have a good Monday, get in the tournament and then before you know it finish fifth and all of a sudden I have a season like a few weeks later after Veritex.

From Kansas City, I played decently and then to get on that stretch where it actually got me inside the top 30 with a few events to go was a great relief to really have a two month stretch of really nice golf.

ANNC: This Korn Ferry Tour rookie started the season near the bottom of the priority ranking and played his way to the PGA TOUR. From Plano, Texas, please give it up for Parker Coody.

COODY: There's definitely a couple steps up from Canada, Americas, to Korn Ferry to PGA TOUR, like there’s no doubt about that, but a guy who is playing Americas right now in two years could be winning out here. That's the cool thing about the process and earning your way through the system.

CHARLES SCHAB CHALLENGE TEASE

ANNC: Colonial Country Club, a place that is so steeped in history.

Perfect!

Affectionally dubbed Hogan’s Alley.

Still on line, got it!

Oh, what a putt?! He got it!

So many of the greats in the game have hoisted the hardware.

TV TIMES

**AFTER PASSING UP HIS SPONSOR EXEMPTION LAST YEAR, PARKER COODY WILL BE AMONG THE PLAYERS IN THE CHARLES SCHWAB CHALLENGE FIELD AS ACTION FROM COLONIAL STARTS THURSDAY.**

RAPID RECOVERY

**RAPID RECOVERY PRESENTED BY SERVPRO... THE NUMBER ONE CHOICE IN CLEANUP AND RESTORATION.**

**JUSTIN ROSE OPENED THE FINAL ROUND OF THE 2018 CHARLES SCHWAB CHALLENGE WITH A FOUR-STROKE LEAD...BUT FOUND ADVERSITY ON JUST HIS SECOND SHOT.**

ROSE: Hit a great tee shot. So, I had sort of done a lot of the hard work on number one.

ANNC: This one actually missing right, up by the gallery.

ROSE: I missed it in a spot that you really couldn't miss it to the right of the green.

ANNC: That is zero good news. He's going to have to land this on the fringe.

He'll hinge those wrists just a little bit to get a little steeper angle of attack, go down the slope.

ROSE: I couldn't afford to get too cute with the chip and actually played a nice chip. It went ten feet by.

ANNC: He can be really aggressive and I don't see a ton of movement. Maybe a little tiny bit from his left to right.

ROSE: To make that birdie, I think was important just to settle me down.

ANNC: Absolutely spot on. Great stroke.

**ROSE’S ABILITY TO RECOVER FROM WAYWARD SHOTS DOWN THE STRETCH HELPED HIM BECOME THE 2018 CHARLES SCHWAB CHALLENGE CHAMPION.**

EMILIANO GRILLO 2023 CHARLES SCHWAB CHALLENGE FLASHBACK

ANNC: You think of the journey, you win your first start as a PGA TOUR member. You probably think, this is going to happen frequently… and then reality sets in and you go through all the ups and downs.

GRILLO: I’ve been close a few times here and there, a bunch of second and third places, so it was kind of nice to get that massive weight off me.

ANNC: Better start turning. Another good bounce. It’s going to get better and better. Look at that!

He has been perfect from that range this week! 8 years since his last win.

GRILLO: I mean it’s been such a ride. Obviously, makes me think where I’m coming from, makes me think of my family. You know, they say the second is harder than the first and it definitely was.

Happy to be a champion in Colonial. I get to put my name right next to Roberto De Vicenzo. I said it a few times that I wasn't going to retire without winning here, and I'm lucky that I got it done in the last year before the renovations.

COLONIAL COUNTRY CLUB RENOVATIONS

ANNC: For Colonial, an era ended today, a new era begins next year, can't wait to see it all brand new again.

McINTOSH: Construction’s about a five-month project. All the heavy lifting’s done at the beginning. Greens deadline is September 1st. Sod down throughout the golf course, ideally October 1. Punch list, hopefully by November 1 and then kind of hunker down for winter. We have some freezes that tend to come through here so, make sure we're getting the grass ready to withstand winter, it's all going to be real young, and then hopefully set it up to come out of spring as best as possible. Once we get going in spring, make sure we're getting everything grown in, finished up kind of details and ready to go for tournament and end of May.

I think this is going to be one of the biggest transformations from a golf course that is now to what it will be. I think the par threes are going to be our biggest most dramatic change. You know, four doesn't change a whole lot but 8, 13 and 16 are going to be significantly different. I think overall, the look of the golf course is going to stand out and then naturalizing the entire property rather than that concrete channel that we saw the ball roll down won't be there and I think that'll probably be our most dramatic area of change is in that back corner of the property, creating a more natural golf course back in that area. Trying to create a golf course and conditions that everyone's going to be happy and proud of and takes this golf course back to the 40s era where it was this great golf course and we had the best par threes in the world, I think we'll get pretty close.

HANSE: The original architects, John Bredemus and Perry Maxwell thought about trying to keep the features lower to the ground and maximizing whatever topography they had on the site and so this restoration embraces that thought process. The restoration of those features is truly exciting. Getting the greens back down on the ground is also an exciting aspect of this. Trying to get the golf course to look a little bit more like the golf course that Mr. Hogan played when he was here and the original design of the golf course. Combine all of those things and I think we're going to bring the qualities of this site back to the forefront, but we're also going to enhance the playability of the golf course.

McINTOSH: I think it's exceeded everyone's expectations. We haven't had obviously anyone come out and play it yet but overall, I mean, everyone is extremely excited with the changes and how the golf course looks and definitely want to get out here and play sooner rather than later.

PALMER: I've been sent a pictures to Scottie and Jordan today are ready. So I’ve sent some pictures of a few the holes and hopefully we can get on it here in about a week or so before the tournament kicks off and get a little extra round in.

HANSE: I think you all asked me a while ago, you all asked me what keeps you up at night and it was this tournament. You know everybody said “oh, you have a year to get it done.” Well actually you don't. We had 10 weeks to get the greens done so we can get them grassed in time for the tournament.

PALMER: It's almost shocking to be honest with you. I mean, I remember talking to Gil when we first met, looking around and talking about timelines, he goes, if it was his way he he’d of had 18 months and he had less than 11 since the day the tournament was over, back in May and we can play today.

HANSE: It was a Herculean effort. I don't want to try and make it sound like we cured cancer or anything but it was a lot of work and it was a lot to try and get it ready. So that's what's going to hit me. I mean I obviously love watching these guys play golf and love watching them tackle the challenges we've put in front of them but I think it's going to be on a more personal level just along the lines of the thank you to all the members of the team who got it done.

PALMER: The colonial membership should be very, very thankful. I know I am blessed at this golf course what we're going to have to play. I think guys are in for a treat. I think Charles Schwab, the fans, I think they're going to see a beautiful golf course. A golf course that’s going to be challenging and the TOUR’s going to love it.