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**Cold Open**

ANNC: There are golf fans and then there are Canadian golf fans. They absolutely love their national open.

SEAN MARTIN: Brian, you don't know how long we've been looking for you.

BRIAN HARDER: Yeah, it's funny how you found me.

CELIA PALERMO: It's no secret that Nick Taylor's win at the 2023 RBC Canadian Open resonated with the fans who witnessed the moment.

ANNC: Oh my goodness, glorious and free!

CELIA PALERMO: But also golf fans all across Canada.

SEAN MARTIN: The entire country was watching, from one of Canada's great sports icons in Wayne Gretzky to a farmer here in rural Saskatchewan.

CELIA PALERMO: Then how did we end up here? On this dirt road? For a story about golf?

SEAN MARTIN: It started with one question to Nick Taylor, and it ended after a months-long search.

**The CUT Titles**

**VO: WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT.**

**Nick Taylor/Canadian Farmer feature**

BRIAN HARDER: We are in Clavet, Saskatchewan, a small town about 20 minutes southeast of Saskatoon. The town's about 300, really small community, farming community. We grow a bit of barley and oats, wheat, canola. It's hard to put your finger on exactly why we're so tied to the farm. It's where you grew up. You're just connected to it. It's what sustains I guess all human life. I keep my iPad up there and I'm streaming. I did have Golf Channel on there, yes. You got to occupy your time a little bit. You can't sit in silence for 18 hours a day. The soil kind of creates everything it does with farming. It does with golf. And we're just playing on top of it.

NATS: Are you a golf nut?

BRIAN HARDER: Yeah, yeah. A little obsessed.

STEPHANIE HARDER: Yes, I would definitely call him a golf nut. We watch a lot of golf. He plays every chance he can. And then now that we got a golf simulator in our basement, he's down there golfing almost every day he can.

BRIAN HARDER: Me and dad still golf together. My mom golf, just friends gathering together. That's what golf does, it brings everyone together.

BRIAN HARDER: We were in the middle of our spraying season, so we're trying to control our weeds and make sure the crops are competing. That morning, obviously RBC Canadian Open, I know Nick Taylor was within striking distance. Had golf up in there. I wanted to watch it, I wanted to watch potential history.

ANNC: Here it comes, he’s done it!

BRIAN HARDER: Nick pushed it to a playoff hole with Tommy Fleetwood obviously, so I was getting a little more into it.

ANNC: One putt to win. Ok, 72 feet.

BRIAN HARDER: Kind of knew where I was in the field. I knew I was on the run where I kind of had to look out for big watering bowls in the middle of the field. As soon as it sunk…

ANNC: Oh my goodness! Glorious and free!

BRIAN HARDER: And I just sat there and watched, just in shock and all sudden I looked down and I'm within, within very close range of this watering bowl. So, I had to yank back on the stick and stop it so I didn't cause any damage. So, I went back in the Fall to go harvest it, and everything is going along as normal. Start driving by and I see the watering bowl. I look and there's a bunch of weeds in there. Just kind of like what did I do there?

NATS: That whole area was just green with weeds about this tall.

BRIAN HARDER: Oh yeah, Nick Taylor putt.

NATS: People don't usually celebrate golfers winning titles like their team winning the Super Bowl or the Stanley Cup, like were people celebrating it like their team had won a Stanley Cup?

NICK TAYLOR: It seems like it yeah. There was a guy, I was doing a thing in Saskatoon, and he's a farmer there and said he was watching on his iPad, cutting his crop. When the putt went in, he jerked the wheel, he still sees the spot when he goes and reminds himself that every time just like certain stories. It's just very cool.

NICK TAYLOR: There he is.

BRIAN HARDER: Hey, how’s it going?

NICK TAYLOR: Good, how you doing Brian?

BRIAN HARDER: Good.

NICK TAYLOR: I've heard it was quite the investigation to track you down.

BRIAN HARDER: Apparently.

BRIAN HARDER: We met Nick Taylor at a charity event in Saskatoon last summer. I figured I'd go talk to him and tell him where I was, and that I almost hit a watering hole with a piece of equipment. It's probably the only person I had ever told the story to because I was just telling him where I was when I watched it.

NATS: Any identifying details, you remember what he looks like or anything?

NICK TAYLOR: Not really. It was it was a busy night, so I don't remember.

BRIAN HARDER: The Reddit post came up and I just found out that he had repeated it and I thought that was pretty cool.

SEAN MARTIN: This has been like months, we worked with Golf Canada. They did a call out on their social media for people's best stories from Nick’s win. What was the reaction when your buddy texted you recently and said that there was a Reddit post about you?

BRIAN HARDER: I don't really go on Reddit or don't follow any of that. So, I was just like, ‘that is funny. That is 100% me’. I knew instantly.

CELIA PALERMO: We were talking, we were like ‘alright, we're gonna make one last push see if we can find this guy’. Opened my laptop for the first time yesterday and I have a message from you, and I screamed.

SEAN MARTIN: It has been a search.

NICK TAYLOR: It’s just the uniqueness of the story. You know, he was obviously doing his job, taking the time out to watch me play golf tournament, and then his excitement went over the top to make him remember it.

BRIAN HARDER: The weeds are now dead, it looks okay now, within a year or two it'll go away but the memory definitely won’t

NICK TAYLOR: It shows the passion in Canada, the passion for golf. It’d been a long time since a Canadian had won the Canadian Open.

BRIAN HARDER: To win the Canadian Open that was just definitely up there with the most memorable golf moments for Canadians ever. Across Canada it meant a lot to everyone in the sporting world.

**Ryan Palmer Walk and Talk at Colonial**

ANNC: You gotta stay in the present if you're Grillo now.

ANNC: He has been perfect from that range this week. Eight years since his last win and eight years was more than enough for Grillo.

ANNC: And for Colonial, an era ended today. A new era begins next year. Can't wait to see it all brand new again.

RICH MCINTOSH: I think this is going to be one of the biggest transformations from a golf course that is now to what it will be.

GIL HANSE: At the end of the day, our goal is to make a golf course that looks and feels old and feels original, and ultimately will play as the original architects intended it to.

RYAN PALMER: It's almost shocking to be honest with you. I mean, I remember talking to Gil about timelines he goes, if it was his way he'd had 18 months, and he had less than 11. I knew they were looking at restoring this golf course. When I was asked to be a part of it, I was honored flattered, to be honest with you. My role I guess was really to talk about from a TOUR player standpoint on how the golf courses play, how we want to see it play, what we don't want to see done, and Gil was very open to that.

RYAN PALMER: This is one of the few holes they redid totally, most of them are still the same. But this one whole redo of this number eight is spectacular. And the green being way to the right, about 195 yards, to now the green pushed to the left side up against the barranca, the natural creek they have installed now. It makes it even much more of a picturesque hole, you got the three bunkers thrown in the green now. I always thought number eight didn't really fit this golf course. But now with everything restored and the way he did the bunkering, more natural looking, the bunkers are more shallow, not so much cookie cutter look. You're gonna see that this hole fits so perfectly up against this ravine. This is one of the biggest changes and I think one of the best changes they made.

RYAN PALMER: What you'll see up here on the green is pretty dramatic. They lifted the green up about six feet and pushed it back into the slope a little bit. I think it's probably gonna be more of a demanding shot than before. I mean, obviously no water's in play, but what people don't realize, water was never in play. They said there were six balls total in the water last year, so I think with the bunkers now, you're gonna see guys having to really focus more on hitting a good shot here.

RYAN PALMER: The unique thing about what he did here is with the shift in the green left, missing it left now is very big no no. But now you got a small drop off to the right. It won't go in the water but you're sitting in a low area with a difficult pitch shot to green that runs right to left and downhill.

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

**CSC Winner**

ANNC: Grayson Murray is very much on everyone's minds here. The family did ask if the players, in Grayson's memory, would wear one of these pins today. You will see them today worn by the players in this field who are competing for a title here.

ANNC: Davis Riley has won one time, but it was a team event. And this is his second all-time 54-hole lead.

ANNC: In full command. One never knows, but he certainly looks right now to be in control.

ANNC: Welcome to the wall of champions!

DAVIS RILEY: The name winners here are incredible guys, people that I've looked up to my whole life. Justin Rose, Adam Scott, Spieth, unreal golfers and just to etch my name along with those people is pretty special and it will be pretty cool to see my name there.

ANNC: Been a tough season for him up until this point. He's going to leave Fort Worth as the champion at Colonial.

DAVIS RILEY: I've been kind of looking to try to get some momentum. Obviously this helps a lot, catapulting me in the right direction. I'm over the moon and excited for the rest of the season.

**FedExCup Standings**

**VO: DAVIS RILEY'S SECOND PGA TOUR TITLE EARNS HIM 500 FEDEXCUP POINTS AND MOVES HIM TO 55TH IN THE SEASON-LONG STANDINGS.**

**Comcast - Impossible Shots**

**VO: IMPOSSIBLE SHOT POWERED BY COMCAST BUSINESS.**

**VO: IN THE BIG EASY, COLLIN MORIKAWA TURNED A GRAINY GREENSIDE LIE INTO A BEAUTIFUL BIRDIE.**

ANNC: Oh! Wow, so from disaster to birdie. What an incredible shot for Collin Morikawa

**VO: RORY MCILROY ALSO DISPLAYED IMPOSSIBLE SHOT-MAKING ON HIS WAY TO A FOURTH VICTORY AT QUAIL HOLLOW.**

ANNC: Yes! You kidding me? You are watching greatness in peak form.

**VO: AND LASTLY, AN IMPOSSIBLE CHIP... FOR ANYONE NOT NAMED SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER.**

ANNC: Are you kidding me? Are you kidding me?! What a shot. I mean how you gonna beat him?

**VO: SCHEFFLER SITS ATOP THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10 THANKS TO HIS FOUR WINS THIS SEASON, WITH XANDER SCHAUFFELE & WYNDHAM CLARK ROUNDING OUT THE TOP 3.**

**The CUT Rejoin**

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**Adam Hadwin Tackle Mini**

ANNC: Taylor. One putt to win. Ok 72 feet, I get it, I know what the odds are. Good pace. Are you serious? Oh my goodness! Glorious and free! They're storming the 18th green now, they just tackled Adam Hadwin, who was trying to approach his friend.

JESSICA HADWIN: Oh my god.

ADAM HADWIN: These videos are always so fun to go back and watch. I've always noticed here you got Corey kind of sneaking in the back. We were together, and he was supposed to spray Nick with champagne with me, and he bailed clearly.

ADAM HADWIN: This is the greatest one.

JESSICA HADWIN: Oh my God, this is the best.

ADAM HADWIN: My mind immediately goes, where's the champagne? And it wasn't prepped. It wasn't open. I'm opening it as I'm running on to the green, trying to get everything set. It never crossed my mind that wearing jeans and a hoodie onto a golf green after somebody just did something amazing would look sketchy.

JESSICA HADWIN: It was sketchy.

ADAM HADWIN: Rewatching, especially this video of when he sees me and he comes around the corner like this, I mean, he was ready. Dave, his caddie, kind of going like, he starts to scream at him and he's coming over. Just one of those moments that I'm not sure will ever be recreated, but crazy to think I was a part of it.

**Hadwin/Taylor Friendship Feature**

NATS: Who would you say was the better of you two when you were growing up?

NICK TAYLOR: At what age?

ADAM HADWIN: Be honest.

NICK TAYLOR: Yeah.

ADAM HADWIN: I can't argue. I got to give it to him.

ADAM HADWIN: It's very unique to have two guys from the same city, grow up and get out here on the PGA TOUR.

ADAM HADWIN: We both live in Phoenix. All of our family's both in Abbotsford still.

ANNC: You've got a really strong Canadian contingent with Nick Taylor and Adam Hadwin.

NICK TAYLOR: His dad was the Assistant Pro at the golf course we both grew up on. He was a year older in high school. So our team was actually always better than theirs, so I have that feather in my cap.

ADAM HADWIN: Growing up with the kid, we're very comfortable with each other.

NICK TAYLOR: We've known each other for 20 plus years, we've lived together, we've traveled together. I think there's there's a comfort level there that it is so high. We have good feelings when we tee up together and we play well.

NICK TAYLOR: He was always such a good ball striker, so that was something I was always jealous of growing up.

ADAM HADWIN: Our games compliment each other. He's probably a little bit more relaxed than I am.

ANNC: We just saw Adam Hadwin finish. He will be out here following his good friend Nick Taylor, because he knows how massive this moment is.

ADAM HADWIN: I've been saying for years now that one of us is going to win the Canadian Open. And finally, Nick did it. And the atmosphere and everything surrounding that was so incredible that move it to a Presidents Cup in Canada, it's gonna, you know, be one of those moments where I have to think you probably go down in Canadian golf history.

NICK TAYLOR: We played together at Zurich and we had great success.

ANNC: Looking ahead towards this Presidents Cup in September in your home country, you guys trying to send a message to Captain Weir here, teaming up and playing good golf?

ADAM HADWIN: I hope he's watching. I hope he takes notice. We've put together a pretty good little team here.

NICK TAYLOR: It's been a lot of fun to team up. And then, you know when we're playing well, it's even more fun. So I hope to do it in a few months time here.

NICK TAYLOR: Yeah. He texted us good job. And my first response was, 'hey, it would be a good team' and he agreed.

ADAM HADWIN: It's certainly circled on the calendar. That's probably the biggest goal at top list is to get back on that team.

**Rapid Recovery**

**VO: THE CUT PRESENTS RAPID RECOVERY.**

**VO: IN THE FIRST OF AN EVENTUAL FOUR-HOLE PLAYOFF, A WAYWARD APPROACH PUT NICK TAYLOR'S CHANCES IN JEOPARDY.**

ANNC: Didn't catch that at all. Oh not at all, mis strike. Oh look at that. Oh that's going to be awkward.

**VO: BUT A WONDERFUL RECOVERY SHOT KEPT HIS HOPES ALIVE.**

ANNC: Pops it way up in the air. Beautifully judged. What a great play.

ANNC: Five-footer to extend. Oh wow. Just wow. How good is this? Let's play a few more.

**RBC Canadian Tease**

ANNC: Pat Fletcher, first Canadian in 40 years to win the Canadian Open.

ANNC: 69 years since Canada last produced a national champion.

ANNC: Arnold Palmer.

ANNC: And a new Canadian Open champion.

ANNC: Mike Weir, he's come the closest to winning.

ANNC: It's tough. The weight of a nation on his shoulders.

ANNC: Good looking line. He's got it, he's got it!

ANNC: Right on line. Oh what a shot, does it get any better than this guys?

ANNC: Rory McIlroy defends his title.

ANNC: They were hopeful at the beginning of the day this would be the year.

ANNC: Are you serious? Oh my goodness! Glorious and free!

ANNC: The drought is over! He's an icon now in this country!

**TV Times**

**VO: THE RBC CANADIAN OPEN BEGINS ON THURSDAY, AS A STRONG FIELD HEADS NORTH OF THE BORDER, INCLUDING FAN-FAVORITE SAHITH THEEGALA.**

**Theegala Swing Theory**

SAHITH THEEGALA: It changes from week to week, but I've based my whole game kind of around the anti-left. The one kind of swing thought and key that I have to kind of take the left side golf course out is just turn my body a hair more through impact and swing just a touch more left. That's kind of the overarching one I'd say that I have pretty consistently.

NATS: Very simple. Very connected and around me. When I get quit a lot of things go wrong. Swing and let it go.

TREVOR IMMELMAN: Sahith Theegala, the Californian, six-foot-three 200 pounds. He's creative, he's talented, he's charismatic. He has a magnetic personality and an impressive game. And those have elevated him into the PGA TOUR spotlight.

ANNC: High fives about to turn into hugs and tears of joy. Sahith Theegala is a winner on the PGA TOUR.

TREVOR IMMELMAN: His swing is his own, and he is really not handcuffed by theory or technique. In fact, he makes the game art. He rarely hits the ball straight. In fact, he's always shaping shots and varying different trajectories. He is all sorts of fun to watch.

ANNC: Trying to slow things down, calm the nerves, put this in the fairway, and he's done just that. Beautiful tee shot.

ANNC: Sahith Theegala's tee shot at 12 He's got to make some birdies here down the stretch. Keep that ball on the fairway. This is downhill it can run out on that right side. It's going to and he'll definitely give it a shot in two.

ANNC: Look at that, 38 feet in the air. I mean that is such a cool shot. Playing up the right side, a little tight draw. Great drive by Sahith.

TREVOR IMMELMAN: It's fitting that our footage of Sahith with the driver has a huge hardwood down the fairway, because as a young man learning the game, his coach Rick Hunter told me there was this one hole with a huge tree in the middle of the fairway, and Sahith could not elevate the ball over the top of the tree. So he came back to coach Rick Hunter and said, 'You're going to teach me how to bend the ball'. They did, and this is still his best. Sahith likes to go to trajectory. In fact, he fades the driver and likes to draw the irons. So as a result you see the six-foot-three man, he's tall and he sets up the ball in a very relaxed manner. All he focuses on is body alignment. With a fade shot, you'll see the club face move outside of the ball as he starts. So it'll be outside of that yellow line I drew. Little hip trigger, take the club outside the ball, the arms raise up, he doesn't have a lot of hip turn. It's more of a slide. So look at the old school upright arms. Look at the slightly laid off club over there. Not a lot of hip turn, more shifting. He is certainly old school. Now on the way down, watch this idiosyncratic move in his head. He turns and look at that eyeline drop back. His lower body is unwinding. The club is way late way shallow, but look at that eyeline has dropped in behind the golf ball. We continue to go from there. Watch, we'll toggle him down and all the way to contact, but where that head's looking now. Almost like the one eye is dominant and he's looking down and at the back of the golf ball. From that situation there, it does allow him to upwards and basically to the left of the golf ball. And that's how it creates that fade spin. So from there we'll follow through all the way to the finish. Again, unencumbered, ball up and over that tree, fading to the right hand side. He is just a joy to watch and so very creative.

ANNC: He's got a lot of talent, doesn't he? He kind of does it his own way. It's sort of a self taught look but it's absolutely homemade Kirk. Still in a nice flow really hasn't broken routine all day today Oh this is hammered. That was killed.

ANNC: That is left and needs to keep cutting. There it goes. Boy he trusted it so much that cut, I mean he sent it right over the trouble. Brought it back to the fairway.

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