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COLD OPEN

ANNC: A chance for history in Hartford, Cam young on the 18th for 59. Only the thirteenth sub 60 round in TOUR history.

NAT: Welcome to the club, nice playing.

ANNC: Let’s dial one in here, Trevor guess where this one’s going, right at it, turn turn, one inch.

ANNC: All these players that are in contention, making birdies firing at flag sticks, its going to be a shootout.

SHOW INTRO

ANNC: The Travelers Championship. TPC River Highlands. The final signature event of the regular season. Before we get to the playoffs.

**INSIDE THE ROPES…**

MICHAEL THORBJORNSEN SOT: Every one of us players are honored to be a part of this tournament.

**BEHIND THE SCENES…**

RON GILMORE SOT: I always tell everybody the first three days is usually like Christmas.

ANNC: And we'd like to welcome Scottie Scheffler into the interview room. This may be his fifth career start at the Travelers Championship.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER SOT: Yeah, it's good to be back. I feel like this is always a fun tournament to come play,

**LIVING EVERY MOMENT…**

ANNC: Make it three and that shoots you up the leaderboard.

**SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE WORLD'S BEST TO THE FINAL ROUND.**

KEEGAN BRADLEY SOT: You look at the field, it's the best field in the world.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD SOT: The last signature event. It’s a good time to play well.

ANNC: Finds the cup. Man he is on fire right now

**PGA TOUR ORIGINALS, CREDENTIALED THE TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP**

ROUND 1 PART 1

ANNC: In pursuit of a fourth signature event title on the season, Scottie Scheffler.

ANNC: How about this play. From the world number one. Exquisite play there a little choke down three wood about 12ft for an eagle.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER SOT: I found some stuff on my swing at the beginning of the week, and. I definitely feel like I'm shooting a lot better than I did last week.

RICKIE FOWLER SOT: Started to see some balls go in, and making putts kind of frees up the rest of the game to where you don't feel like you have to be perfect.

ANNC: Rickie from clear across the green here. Good for pace. Oh what a birdie. Some serious energy in the crowd sweeping Fowler along in this opening round. And he has delivered.

ANNC: Can Zander do it again.

ANNC: Yep. He's had some good saves. But that's the best save of the day. Schauffele remains five under.

**WHILE THE 2022 TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER HAS FOND MEMORIES IN CONNECTICUT, RETURNING TO NEW ENGLAND MEANS EVEN MORE TO LAST YEAR'S CHAMPION, KEEGAN BRADLEY.**

KEEGAN BRADLEY FEATURE

KEEGAN BRADLEY SOT: Going to travelers is always an exciting time for me. I always look forward to it. It was always one that I had circled on the schedule. I grew up going to that tournament. I remember getting my tour card and my first thought wasn't maybe I'll be able to play the Masters I was like I can't wait to go play Hartford.

ANNC There were cheers and chants that you don't always hear at golf events. They were all in this together. Tens of thousands ringing the 18th. And this is the stage that he always wanted to star in.

KEEGAN BRADLEY SOT: To go there and be able to walk up 18 three shot lead and enjoy a win with my whole family there, you know, I don't take it for granted.

ANNC: New England's very own takes the title at the Travelers.

KEEGAN BRADLEY SOT: It was probably the happiest moments of my career. You know, I had bigger win, but that was my happiest. That was my most joyful win. To enjoy with the people of New England and also my family being there was pretty spectacular. I always loved being a few shots back. Make a charge at the lead. But now I feel a lot more comfortable with the lead on Sunday, and I've learned to enjoy it and how to handle that.

**WITH DEFENDING HIS TITLE AT THE TOP OF HIS MIND, BRADLEY ISN’T COMPLACENT AFTER WINNING AND IS ALWAYS STRIVING TO IMPROVE.**

KEEGAN BRADLEY SOT: It's constant hard work for me. I got to still prove I kind of go to the course. I go to practice, and when you do all the right things, normally good things happen in tournaments.

ROUND 1 PART 2

ANNC: Please welcome our Travelers Championship defending Champion Keegan Bradley.

ANNC: Keegan Bradley. Putt. Yeah. Got it. You think he gets pumped up playing here? It's a fun watch because it does mean so much to him.

ANNC: Couple of the young, bright names and stars in the world of golf playing together in this first round of the travelers. Back to back PGA tour U guys. Michael Thorbjornsen, what he's going to learn can really compare his game against Aberg right now.

ANNC: Gets it to go. Aberg is now three under just chugging along not a bogey on the scorecard. Tony Finau just keeps on getting himself good look after good look.

ANNC: And keeps doing that. Four birdies in his last five holes.

ANN: Here comes Will Zalatoris.

WILL ZALATORIS: Sunday I had a basically all day grind sesh to try to figure out what was going on. It was fun this week having everybody here and, you know, grinding my tail off. And it's nice to see it pay off in the first round back.

ANNC: Three 65’s already this season for Will Zalatoris. That 64 his best score all year.

ANNC: Birdies are piling up for Tom Kim finding his best form in the most important point of the season here.

TOM KIM SOT: I feel like I've been playing like this for the last few months.

ANNC: What a finish. Birdie, birdie for Tom Kim. Bogey free on the day.What a round of golf for Tom.

It's just kind of nice to see those rounds kind of come together in the next few days trying to keep that same kind of plan.

ANNC: Eight under 62 leads by two. Will Zalatoris with that 64 Rickie Fowler just the third bogey free round all season. But Scottie Scheffler you know back on the birdie train again. How low will they go.

NAT: We will get them tomorrow, putting wise you are pretty good.

MICHAEL THORBJORNSEN NAT: I'll see you guys. Thanks for coming out.

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**STILL TO COME ON CREDENTIALED**

RON GILMORE SOT: From Mr. Schauffele was our past champion two years ago. He's a little hard to deal with because he always wants hand warmers.

MICHAEL THORBJORNSEN SOT: I am done with school. Done with college, this is really a dream come true.

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SEGMENT 2

THORBJORNSEN EXEMPTIONS FEATURE

MICHAEL THORBJORNSES SOT: I am done with college. I finished number one on PGA tour U and have my tour card for the next 18 months. So this is really a dream come true. And it's honestly a little weird coming back here. And well just being a professional golfer now. It was my first official PGA tour event I ever played in.

ANNC: What a week for the amateur Michael Thorbjornsen from Wellesley, Mass.

MICHAEL THORBJORNSES SOT: Then it's going to be my first one as a pro.

ANNC: We'd like to welcome Michael Thorbjornsen into the interview room here at the Travelers Championship.

MICHAEL THORBJORNSES SOT: Love this place. It's close to home, love the golf course. Travelers they do an amazing job of hosting the players. Yeah, I couldn't ask for a better start.

MICHAEL THORBJORNSES SOT: Travelers has had an incredible history of giving amateur players sponsors exemptions. So grateful for it. Every one of us, as players, are honored to be a part of this tournament.

VIKTOR HOVLAND: I made my professional debut there. I was super pumped to turn Pro and get my career going and just really impressed with the tournament.

**THROUGH THE YEARS, MANY OF THE YOUNG PLAYERS THAT RECEIVED AN EXEMPTION, HAVE FOUND SUCCESS ON THE PGA TOUR.**

LUDVIG ABERG SOT: They've done a tremendous job, not only last year but in prior years of giving chances to young players. Those weeks were the ones that I learned the most, even if I didn't play necessarily the way I wanted to, or there's just so much you can take away from those things.

ANNC: So that's just been part of the identity of this tournament reaching out to promising young collegians through the years.

LUDVIG ABERG SOT: At the end of the day, that's what amateurs need, and the exposure of feeling the heat, playing in front of big crowds and playing PGA tour golf courses. And you learn a lot from those things.

MICHAEL THORBJORNSES SOT: At a golf course you, you gain some confidence whenever you come back. A lot of great memories, a lot of good vibes heading into this week. I feel like my game's in a good spot.

MICHAEL THORBJORNSES NAT: So we try the wedge. We don't feel like we like it then. You know, it's the putter. Just too much pace.

MICHAEL THORBJORNSES SOT: I played a lot with Ludwig this past couple of years in college. I was actually talking to him yesterday right when the tee times were announced. I got a text. It's like, okay, my two terms are to like, 010, this is great. It's like, no way. It's one of my favorite people to play with. So I'm really happy and I think I'm really enjoying myself these next two days very much.

ROUND 2 PART 1

ANNC: A lot of anticipation for the PGA Tour debut of this kid, Michael Thorbjornson. A look at birdie.

ANNC: How about it? Right in the middle of the roll there from Thorbjornson.

ANN: Oh, yeah. Three in a row. Coming in for 64.

TOM KIM SOT: Going in today. Just not really thinking about the score.

ANNC: Oh, baby. Just pouring it on. Eight birdies yesterday 12 through 27.

TOM KIM SOT: Playing really well. And I know kind of what I'm doing on the golf course. It's not about this week. It's about keep building these momentum blocks for the rest of the season.

ANNC: 65 to follow up yesterday's 62 matching Tom Kim's best ever 36 hole output.

ANNC: Sungjae with the hot hand for birdie. It will be his third straight and seventh of the day. He makes this he might be on something special today. Let's keep an eye on this crowd. Morikawa has got something brewing here.

COLLIN MORIKAWA SOT: This is a course that guys aren't going to take their foot off the gas. And you got to stay on that.

ANNC: Solid round of 63 today for Morikawa. He's got himself in a pretty good position heading into the final two rounds.

COLLIN MORIKAWA SOT: I can't get lazy the next two days. And the scores already keep getting lower. Probably going to double from where we are right now. I want to win. let's stay as sharp as possible.

RON GILMORE FEATURE

RON GILMORE SOT: I'm Ron Gilmore. I'm the locker room supervisor at the TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, Connecticut. And this is my 31st year of doing this.

RON GILMORE SOT: I'm a jack of all trades, master of none.

RON GILMORE SOT: Cleaning. We're on television. I always tell everybody. The first three days is usually like Christmas. You know, you guys got a thousand people here. And then by Wednesday noon, all the reps leave, and it's just the players. Normally, it's 156 players. Now it's only 80 in this one. You go in there, you'll see it on the right hand side.

RON GILMORE SOT: Thank you for that. It's just like having people over to your house for dinner to be back at 4 o’clock.

RON GILMORE SOT: But then by nine, it's back and forth, which no place else on the tour do. They get it back that fast? I just enjoy it. I enjoy this week. Particularly having a semi rapport with the players is so nice. You know, all these people are so nice for Mr. Shauffele he was our past champion two years ago. He he's he's a little hard to deal with because he always wants hand warmers.

RON GILMORE SOT: So we take care of him. Excuse me. I'm working here.

RON GILMORE SOT: I had stories that won't quit, and most of my can't tell. Yeah. It's been a wonderful career.

SEGMENT 3

REJOIN

SAHITH THEEGALA FEATURE

ANNC: That's Theegala who is up there with a little bit of trouble unfortunately, at 19 under leading Zander Schauffele

SAHITH THEEGALA SOT: 18 is a great example. If you hit the fairway, it's a birdie hole. If you don't, you'd be lucky to make four. And I found out the hard way.

ANNC: Oh, this is dangerous. Oh, no. It just was never a shot. He should have attempted.

SAHITH THEEGALA SOT: That's probably the one shot I regret most in my tour career. Not just wedging that one out and and trying to get up and down from there.

ANNC: Oh, that is cruel. Double bogey at the 72nd hole. And Schauffele now knows that all he needs is par to win the tournament.

ANNC: Zander Schauffele wins the Travelers Championship.

SAHITH THEEGALA SOT: I know how few opportunities there are to win, and that's why something like this is really, really going to hurt. It's really going to hurt, but I'm just going to grow from it. And, I'm really excited to see if I can, you know, do it again. Keep putting myself in these positions.

**SAHITH THEEGALA FOUND HIS BREAKTHROUGH MOMENT THE VERY NEXT SEASON IN HIS HOME STATE WINNING THE FORTINET CHAMPIONSHIP AND CEMENTING HIMSELF AS A FAN FAVORITE.**

SAHITH THEEGALA SOT: The fans probably appreciate that I’m not a cookie cutter golfer. I am relatable in some ways with some of the shots I hit. I'm not a prototype kind of guy.

ANNC: And we've talked about a guy that has just been rising in popularity. Theegala’s got the whole package.

SAHITH THEEGALA SOT: It's cool to be relatable to fans. I'm still a fan of golf and I still geek out on it. I see these guys in locker rooms. There's no denying that I want to be great and I want to be, you know, best in the world, whether it's something that you believe is achievable or not. You got to put in the work. I'm starting to believe more. But ultimately we're we're out here to win tournaments, and I haven't done that this year yet. It just makes me want it that much more.

ROUND 2 PART 2

ANNC: Sahith Theegala, a wonderful roller of the golf ball although he’s not putting particularly well this week.

ANNC: To be four under for the tournament, he’s striking his golf ball, that’s for sure.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: I know this property pretty well, it can be rewarding with good shots. I’m trying to play golf to the best of my ability.

ANNC: Here comes Xander.

ANNC: Schauffele will sign for 65 again.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: This is probably the most in contention I’ve ever bene in my life through a pretty hot stretch of golf.

ANNC: Bahtia.

AKSHAY BHATIA SOT: I hit a lot of quality shots, got up and down when I needed to

ANNC: Within two through 36 here in Cromwell.

AKSHAY BHATIA SOT: I’m playing great, I just want to keep building on good golf and kind of learning as I go.

ANNC: This guy is a competitor too, Justin Thomas.

ANNC: That’s an eagle three for Thomas.

ANNC: To polish off a 63, Thomas also 9 under, four back hallway through.

ANNC: Scottie just looking and playing like Scottie always does. Back to back birds.

ANNC: One of the worst sounds in golf is when the horn blows and the players are getting taken off the golf course. The weather, just a little bit too much right now.

ANNC: And a way we go.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER SOT: I feel like I came out and hit some really nice shots.

ANNC: A good chance at birdie here, trying to get one shot closer. Good finish for Scottie Scheffler. That 64 to back up that 65 in round one so he gets within two of the lead.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER SOT: It was nice to birdie 18 to finish, before that I feel like I played a lot of solid golf and did some good things so overall I think it was a pretty solid day.

ANNC: Round two is complete. With the range, we are going to see some pretty low scoring I got a feeling on the weekend.

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ANNC: Here it is. Oh. It's over.

ANDY BESSETTE SOT: Astonishing shots.

ANNC: That was incredible.

ANDY BESSETTE SOT: Amazing comebacks.

ANNC: Well, fans got their money's worth tonight.

ANDY BESSETTE SOT: Unforgettable moments.

ANNC: That's one for the record books. No question.

ANDY BESSETTE SOT: Welcome to the Travelers Championship. Four straight days of world class golf and a continuing commitment to giving back. 100% of net proceeds go to local charities. So far, that's added up to nearly $30 million.

ANDY BESSETTE SOT: The pride within travelers in the community is truly remarkable. Travelers companies give over $23 million each year to over a couple of hundred charitable organizations. It's the ethos of who we are as a company. And when you look at the tournament and see how much charity and community are part of what we do, that's why the Travis Championship is so important to us.

ANDY BESSETTE SOT: Proof that remarkable things happen when people care.

SEGMENT 4

CBS PROMO

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ROUND 3 PART 1

Not just the long game, not just the irons, the putter was working as well. And Cameron Young cards a 28 on the front nine. And remember, TPC River Highlands is a par 70.

**VO: AT 8-UNDER PAR THRU 14 HOLES, CAMERON YOUNG EYES AN HISTORIC SUB-60 THIRD ROUND AS HE APPROACHES THE CLOSING STRETCH AT TPC RIVER HIGHLANDS.**

FINAL HOLE FEATURE

KEEGAN BRADLEY SOT: The TPC River Highlands is a great golf course because / it creates a lot of action / on that back nine.

ANNC: There he is, wow

SHANE LOWRY SOT: Any time you have four holes a finish that the tournament can be won or lost on is an exciting course.

ANNC: Once again the travelers providing great drama on a Sunday

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER SOT: 15 is a great drivable hole.

ANNC: The eagle has landed on 15 for Scheffler

MAX HOMA SOT: I think15 is the best short par four we play all year. For one, you could make an eagle, but two, you could be right around the green and struggle to make par and you can make the easiest birdie ever seen. So I think it is exciting.

ANNC: oh my goodness how good is this

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER SOT: 16 is a great little par three where you have a short club in your hand and so you're able to hit a great shot and make birdie. But then if you play too safe and go over the green, you're going to make a bogey.

MAX HOMA SOT: 17 is one of the harder holes on the course.

It's very tricky off the tee. You flirt with the water, you're in trouble. You hit in the left bunker, you might hit your second shot in the water. So it's a hard hole.

MAX HOMA SOT: 18 feels like the easiest hole in the world. And you hit it up on the hill and it's really tough. You know, left bunker not a terrible spot but it's tricky.

ANNC: 18 Right at it right at it Oh he’s done it again unbelievable of all the crazy things that have happened here that might top them all

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER SOT: A golf course like, like travelers, especially with that final stretch, you know, really rewards great golf shots. And I think it's appropriately punishes the bad shots as well.

ANNC: 18 Oh wow can you believe it

MAX HOMA SOT: There's a lot of variance to scores ~~on~~ on each hole for the last four. I think that's why it's been such a such an exciting event to watch.

ROUND 3 PART 2

ANNC: On the tee at the dramatic short par 4 15th. To just about 4 feet, that’ll be for another eagle.

CAMERON YOUNG: [0:19] Didn't really think much about it until the putt went in on 15. All of a sudden, I had a putt for 59 on 18 which was a blast.

ANNC: A chance for history in Hartford. Cam Young at the 18th for 59. Only the 13th sub-60 round in TOUR history.

CAMERON YOUNG: It's fun to have your name on a list that short. There’s a bunch of world-class players that are already 9- to 13-under. If I'm going to have any chance to win, I'm sure I would have to shoot another low one.

ANNC: The newest member of the PGA TOUR, Michael Thorbjornsen, 4-under 66 today.

MICHAEL THORBJORNSEN: Professional golfer now, playing a golf course that I love. Couldn't have asked for a better start to professional career.

ANNC: Oh no. They’re well-positioned here to blow the horn. In fact, they just did. There was a delay yesterday, that one actually went over three hours, and they got the players back out there.

ANNC: Two hour 50 minute delay is behind us and we will resume.

ANNC: And it is low, needs to bite. Oh it did. Superb shot.

ANNC: Firing straight at it. Promising. Yes indeed, promising. One of the best in the business isn’t he?

ANNC: Another man who’s been putting so much better. Oh! Doesn’t get much better than that.

AKSHAY BHATIA: I know I can do it. I know what those feelings are like. Whether or not I win tomorrow or not it's going to be a good challenge.

ANNC: And Scottie for birdie. 14-under now for Scottie. That was big.

ANNC: Let’s dial one in here. Guess where this one’s going? Right at it, turn, one inch.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Today, especially at the end, we were feeding off each other what I would say in the right way. It's always a good thing.

ANNC: He is playing with an urgency to be in the lead when the sun does go down. Two’s will help, and he’s had three of them today.

TOM KIM: It's a stacked leaderboard, out here a 5-, 6-shot lead is not safe at all. So I got to go out tomorrow and do the same game plan and execute.

ANNC: It’s gonna be a shootout tomorrow that’s for sure.

MARK IMMELMAN: I would say almost like par is like 67 or 66 the way the golf course is playing. It’s going to be a birdie fest.

COLT KNOST: Obviously you saw what Cam Young did, went out and shot a 59 today. I expect Scottie Scheffler to play really well. It should be a really fun weekend.

DOTTIE PEPPER: Morikawa’s been in the hunt seemingly since Masters. And then Tom Kim, looking for a W to finish the season. He’s more efficient, more consistent. And if you can do that you find yourself late on Sunday.