2024 PGA TOUR: The CUT #31

International Script

COLD OPEN

SCHAUFFELE: It's a dream come true. You just never know when it's going to happen. It was kind of how I looked at it. Or to be realistic, if it's ever going to happen, you know, you need a lot of things to go your way and you need to beat a lot of really good players

SCHEFFLER: Wearing the flag is something that very few people get to experience and I'm very proud to be going across and representing the USA at the Olympics. And I'm very grateful, that's something that I've been looking forward to to a long time and was hoping to be able to be a part of that team, so it will be very special going over there.

TAYLOR: I think golf in Canada specifically has probably been as big as it ever has been. So if we can do well in the Olympics, that'll make it even better.

PAVON: Olympics is huge. Since I'm a kid, I’m watching it. It's definitely one of my goals this year to represent my country in Paris.

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT.**

SHANE LOWRY MINI

ANNC: It’s been a really good year for Shane after missing out on the Playoffs last year.

Pushed it. Missed it! And it’s an Irish party in New Orleans! McIlroy and Lowry win the Zurich Classic.

LOWRY: It's just kind of the ups and downs of pro golf, I call it. You know, some years are just better than others. And, you know, that's what I think this year is.

STARTER: First on the tee from Ireland, Shane Lowry.

LOWRY: It's funny because I wasn't in any of the signature events at the start of the year. So I knew was going to be a pretty tough season for me. Fortunate that MasterCard gave me an invite into Bay Hill and I finished third there. And that kind of kickstarted me for the last few months.

ANNC: Lowry’s birdie right here is a great example of when you’re in the fairway, you can then go for the green then you have an easy third shot. Driving accuracy, getting it in the fairway is such an important stat to set up the rest of your golf shots.

LOWRY: Tee-to-green, I was as good as I've ever been probably the first four months of the year and I was struggling on the greens and I feel like over the past couple of months I found something on the greens.

ANNC: Shane Lowry has this for three birdies in a row.

LOWRY:I changed my putter the week before the Zurich Classic. It felt great. And the win fills you with a little bit of confidence. So, I went to the PGA feeling good. I putted lovely and that kind of gave me a lot of confidence going into the weekend. And then I played great on Saturday and holed pretty much everything I looked at. So that was a fun round and it was nice to be in contention in a big tournament.

ANNC: And Shane Lowry now, having a great season. The Irishman will be representing Ireland in the upcoming 2024 Paris Olympics.

LOWRY: I mean, obviously the Olympics I think is growing in our game. When I went the last time, I had a pretty good chance on Sunday to grab a medal, but I played poorly and didn't. And, you know, I was devastated afterward because I knew and I know what a medal would mean to me and my family and sort of Ireland, I think, will be incredible to win a medal for everyone. But it's an amazing experience to play for your country any time. The only thing I can say is the best player will win the gold medal.

MARK CARNEVALE OBIT

**THE PGA TOUR FAMILY LOST ONE OF ITS TRULY GOOD PEOPLE, AFTER THE PASSING OF MARK CARNEVALE.**

**HIS ROOTS IN THE GAME RAN DEEP… AS A PLAYER, TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AND BROADCASTER… AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE HE FORGED CONNECTIONS WITH ALONG THE WAY IS HARD TO IMAGINE.**

**AFTER A STANDOUT CAREER AT JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY, MARK TURNED PROFESSIONAL IN 1983, WINNING IN ‘92 AND EARNING THE ARNOLD PALMER AWARD AS THE PGA TOUR ROOKIE OF THE YEAR.**

**HIS POST-PLAYING DAYS OPENING UP NEW DOORS, AS A HIGHLY VALUED WELL-RESPECTED COMMENTATOR FOR PGA TOUR RADIO AND PGA TOUR LIVE.**

**AS A BROADCASTER, MARK SAID A LOT WHILE SAYING LITTLE… A TOUGH TRICK TO LEARN AND THERE WEREN’T MANY BETTER AT IT.**

COACHMAN: We love him so much, Mark Carnevale is on the ground at TPC San Antonio.

SWANTEK: Former PGA TOUR winners, Arron Oberholser and Mark Carnevale.

CARNEVALE: Right now, obviously it’s just the sun is really just coming up.

Very difficult hole location since of the way the green’s sloped.

Good morning and good morning from The Rink.

CINK: Carnie ...

ANNC: Oh, yeah.

CARNEVALE: They want me to hit one.

ANNC: Yes sir, Rookie of the Year. Come on, Carnie!

CARNEVALE: Now this is pressure.

ANNC: Oh, carry. Carnie, it was on a good line. It was under the wind. It had everything. It just didn’t have the carry, did it?

CARNEVALE: No, I will claim lack of practice. How was it out there for you today?

SCHEFFLER: Um, you know, it was a fight. You know, I felt like I did a lot of good things.

ANNC: He’s a golf connoisseur, that Mark Carnevale. Mhmm.

**AND HE NEVER MISREAD A PUTT... OR A MENU OR WINE LIST, FOR THAT MATTER. DINNERS WITH CARNIE WERE JOYOUS OCCASIONS FILLED WITH FUN AND FELLOWSHIP. HE HAD A SIZEABLE APPETITE FOR LIFE. A BIG MAN WITH AN EVEN BIGGER HEART. IF THERE WAS A CAUSE, A CHARITY OR A FRIEND TO SUPPORT, MARK WAS ALWAYS FIRST IN LINE.**

**ALL OF US AT THE PGA TOUR, WE WILL DEARLY MISS OUR DEAR FRIEND, CARNIE. HE WAS 64.**

SAM BURNS MINI

ANNC: Sam Burns from 80 feet. Looks pretty good, looks real good. Really good!

BURNS: It was an extremely fun week. I played some really nice golf. My record didn't really reflect how I played that week. That's kind of the nature of match play. Sometimes you can play really well and lose, and sometimes you can play pretty bad and win.

ANNC: For birdie to win the hole. He has a knack for making these long ones, he has this week. You can add another one to Burns’ list! Is this guy really 0-3-1? It’s hard to imagine, he’s played so well.

**SAM BURNS EARNED A POINT FOR THE U.S. PRESIDENTS CUP TEAM ON THE WAY TO A VICTORY IN 2022… BUT AFTER BEING AN AUTOMATIC QUALIFIER TWO YEARS AGO, HIS PATH TO THIS YEAR’S TEAM ISN’T AS CLEAR.**

BURNS: I haven't won this year. It was, you know, close a couple of times early in Phoenix and AMEX, just not able to quite get it done. Got a little caught up in some kind of technicalities of the golf swing and kind of lost my way a little bit. So, trying to get back out here and just go play golf. I got to earn my spot on that team.

ANNC: Let’s see if Sam Burns can make another one. Look at him. Oh walk it in. Confident man with that putter.

BURNS: One of my biggest goals every year to be on one of those teams. It's a great honor to play for your country, to play for your teammates, and it's one of my favorite events every year.

THE 3M LAB WITH SAM BURNS

BURNS: All right, what do we got here?

GABBY: Whoever gets the most points wins.

BURNS: Uh-oh.

GABBY: Oh, too hard.

BURNS: I thought that was going to be perfect. I’m nervous. Oh, my gosh.

All right. First one down. Now kind of know how hard to hit it. Oh!

GABBY: Sit! Sit! Sit! 15. 15. OK. 10.

BURNS: OK 10 points. Winner, winner. Congratulations.

GABBY: Good game.

BURNS: Thank you.

ABBY: You’re not done yet.

BURNS: Another?

ABBY: You have a multiball challenge to go to.

BURNS: Oh, boy. All right.

BURNS: All right, 137. That seems pretty good. I don’t know what my strategy is.

BURNS: Finally. Great match.

ABBY: Good game.

OWEN: Sam, you can’t be tired yet. It's time for the driver challenge.

BURNS: You’ve got to be kidding me.

BURNS: Oh, that was perfect. That was nice. I’m changing drivers. Let’s try this driver.

OWEN: Beat that, Sam.

BURNS: It’s not looking good. Go! Enjoyed it.

OWEN: Well, you won today but we’ve got something more for you.

ABBY/GABBY: Happy birthday to you.

BURNS: Wow.

ABBY/GABBY/OWEN: Happy birthday to you.

BURNS: Thank you. I’ll blow the candle out. Thank you very much.

ABBY: We picked the number four because we thought it was your favorite number since we keep hearing you yell it all the time.

BURNS: That’s a good point. I mean, you should’ve heard me on here. I was yelling, “Fore” every time. Thank you.

ABBY: Yeah.

BURNS: Very kind.

COMCAST BUSINESS IMPOSSIBLE SHOT

**THE CUT PRESENTS… IMPOSSIBLE SHOT.**

**AT THE ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC MIN WOO LEE CAPTURED A T2 FINISH THANKS TO IMPOSSIBLE SHOT MAKING AROUND THE GREEN.**

ANNC: Took the flag out and it goes in. Back-to-back birdies for Min Woo Lee and he is just one shot off the lead. He’s cooking all right.

**DENNY MCCARTHY ALSO SHOWED HIS TOUCH AROUND THE GREENS IN HIS TOP-10 FINISH AT THE JOHN DEERE CLASSIC.**

ANNC: Going to use that slope over to his left. Maybe a little bump shot here. There’s the bump, there’s the slope, and there’s the result. Is that any good?! Get out of here! This is so fun to watch.

**AND IN SCOTLAND, THE BUNKERS CAN BE AN IMPOSSIBLE CHALLENGE FOR MANY PLAYERS, BUT NOT FOR RORY MCILROY.**

ANNC: High finish. Thumped it out of that sand. Oh, what a beauty.

**MCILROY SITS INSIDE THE TOP 3 OF THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10, BEHIND ONLY SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER AND XANDER SCHAUFFELE, WITH JUST ONE EVENT LEFT IN THE REGULAR SEASON.**

BEN WARIAN RANGE SESSION WITH FIRST TEE MINNESOTA PARTICIPANT

JONATHON HALSTROM : I'm Jonathon. Nice to meet you.

BEN WARIAN: I'm Ben. Jonathan, nice to meet you.

LUCIA: I'm Lucia.

WARIAN: So nice to meet you.

LUCIA: Nice to meet you, too.

WARIAN: My goodness. Hi there. I'm Ben. Amy, so great to meet you.

AMY HALSTROM: Nice to meet you.

WARIAN: My goodness, you are one strong individual.

LUCIA: Thank you. I appreciate it.

AMY: On May 1, 2014 was her sudden cardiac arrest.

LUCIA: I was walking over to my neighbor's house after school, and I didn't make it to her house. I fell in the bedrock. My friend came out. She found me. She went and grabbed my mom.

AMY: Well, I ran outside, and she, like I said, was face-down in the bedrock. And I started CPR on her when our Maple Grove Police officers arrived with an AED. They shocked her once and still had not regained a pulse, and shocked her again, regained a pulse, moved her to the ambulance to continue to work on her.

LUCIA: I was in a coma for five days. The day before they woke me up, they took a brain scan, and they didn't find any brain matter on the scan, so they thought that I'd be vegetative.

AMY: Told us that she would most likely never breathe on her own or eat on her own. She'd communicate only through her eyes. Slowly started weaning her off of the life support.

LUCIA: All I remember is seeing a flash of light. Then I woke up and I saw my family in a hospital. I started reading the doctor's name badges and proved all that they were wrong.

AMY: We were all just in disbelief and in awe of the miracle that had happened right before our very eyes.

LUCIA: I went and met with my cardiologist. He told me that I couldn't do gymnastics anymore and that the only sport that I'd be able to do is golf. So, I got some clubs and went to the range, and started playing a little bit, and got introduced with the First Tee. And so, that's where my golf career started.

JONATHON: When we heard the news, that it was the only sport she was going to be able to play, we jumped right all over it and wanted to give her as much support as we could and try to help her along the way with little things to teach. But it's all about just having fun at the end of the day, right? And that's something that we can all do together, which has been awesome.

WARIAN: So I hear through the grapevine we got a goal coming up here, breaking 100 pretty soon.

LUCIA: Yes.

AMY: Where'd you hear it from?

WARIAN: Just the grapevine. Just, I have my connections. I have my connections.

LUCIA: Yeah.

AMY: You sure do.

WARIAN:  I have my connections. What is the closest we've gotten so far?

LUCIA: 100.

WARIAN: Oh, you've gotten to it? so you're on 100 on the nose?

LUCIA: Yeah.

WARIAN: OK. So you're …

AMY: Consecutively every time.

WARIAN: Consecutively at 100.

LUCIA: Yeah.

WARIAN: OK. Wow. So, you're gonna do it. And that's good.

LUCIA: Yes. I didn't use my driver at all my junior year.

WARIAN: OK.

LUCIA: And the start of my senior year, I didn't use it. And my coach made it a goal to get me to use my driver. And by conference, I used my drivers.

WARIAN: OK, there we go.

LUCIA: Yeah, I've made a little bit of progress.

WARIAN: There we go. That's progress. That's progress. That's progress.

AMY: Golf has given her an identity. It's given her a circle of friends. It's given her leadership, and it's instilled in her so many qualities that will help carry you through life. Because, through sports, it's more than what you do in the game. It's the things that you learn to help you be the person you are and build character in the life you lead.

WARIAN: Oh, yeah. It's got a nice little action.

WARIAN: We got a gallery. We got a gallery. Here we go.

LUCIA: It's the only gallery I'll ever have.

WARIAN: Oh, please.

WARIAN: Nice.

WARIAN: So you feel like you like to fade it for the most part?

LUCIA: Yeah.

WARIAN: For the most part? OK.

WARIAN: Nice.

NAT: Do it high.

LUCIA: I can't do it like…

WARIAN: You got to let her warm up a little bit.

LUCIA: I can't do it like Ben can do it.

WARIAN: She's pretty big time. So she's got her name on her bag, too. It's like, when you're on the range, I want you to feel like, imagine there's a baseball field up here that you're hitting into.

LUCIA: Yeah.

WARIAN: Feel like you're swinging to first base.

LUCIA: OK.

WARIAN: Yeah. That's all-- and with the driver, that should help you a lot as well. That'll help you just straighten it out a little bit and should make your contact a lot more consistent.

LUCIA: OK.

WARIAN: Yeah, it should.

LUCIA: Thank you.

WARIAN: Yeah. Yeah. You're a rock star.

LUCIA: Thank you.

WARIAN: So good to meet you.

LUCIA: Nice to meet you too.

WARIAN: So good to meet you. You are a rock star.

LUCIA: Good luck this weekend and the rest of your season.

WARIAN: Thank you so much. I appreciate it. I appreciate it. Thank you.

3M OPEN WINNER

ANNC: Three feet for the 3M title. There it is! The drought is over! That was some confident stroke.

VEGAS: In my head it doesn't really seem that it's been that long, but obviously it's been seven years. It hasn't been easy, that's for sure. Been a lot of grinding, a lot of dealing with injuries, a lot of, you know, headaches, but these are the moments that, you know, that you get up every day and you work hard and you do all the right things because, you know, nothing feels better than this.

ANNC: Such a sweet moment every time you see the families come run onto the green.

VEGAS: It’s a lot of pictures of my daughter with trophies around the house, so my boy keeps asking me, you know, when am I going to have a picture with a trophy. This is a big win for them and they're going to enjoy it more than I am, for sure.

That's the beauty of golf, that's the beauty of the PGA TOUR, any week can change your life forever. I’m just thankful the win came this week.

FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

**JHONATTAN VEGAS’ VICTORY IN MINNESOTA MOVES HIM TO 67TH IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS, HIS HIGHEST RANKING SINCE THE FALL OF 2021.**

SERVPRO – SCRAMBLING LEADERS

**THE CUT PRESENTS… SCRAMBLING LEADERS.**

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

ANNC: Above this flag at 18 is Chan Kim. Very little green to work with. He lands it beautifully right on the edge. Well done.

ANNC: Hall’s gotta be thinking, up and down for par, I’ll have a chance to make it to another playoff hole. Hall says up and in. An unlikely birdie from off the green!

ANNC: What a shot from Schauffele. I would say that would be job well done.

2024 PARIS OLYMPICS PRIMER

TIRICO: When you think about what the Olympics truly are, the one global gathering in the name of sport. Golf is about as global a game as there is// and now golfers in addition to wanting to win the biggest events on their tours, and to wanting to win their majors they also want to win a gold medal.

ÅBERG: Obviously the Olympics is the Olympics. I remember watching it growing up and I remember watching Usain Bolt run the 100 meters and Michael Phelps winning the millions of medals that he's got//the experience of representing your country//comes with a lot of pride.

TV TIMES

**LUDVIG ÅBERG WILL BE AMONG 60 GOLFERS REPRESENTING THEIR COUNTRIES AND VYING FOR GOLD AT THE PARIS OLYMPICS AS PLAY GETS UNDERWAY ON THURSDAY.**

LUDVIG ÅBERG FEATURE

ÅBERG: The playoffs is the pinnacle of the PGA TOUR. It is, you know, the season long race. Being good over a longer period of time, that's what defines you.

I think what gives me my edge is my mental consistency. I treat every tournament the same way. I treat my practice the same way. I treat my workout schedule and all these things the same way.

ANNC: The newest player on tour that’s kind of taken the PGA TOUR by storm.

ÅBERG: Whether I win a tournament or if I lose a tournament, I'm still going to go out the next day and do the same thing. So those things that don't really change, I think over a season long race, I think that's going to be an advantage.

All these things that I'm doing, it is the first time I'm doing it.

ANNC: Really cool initiative from the PGA TOUR, gives those great collegiate players a pathway to the PGA TOUR, finish atop the rankings, you head to the PGA TOUR.

ÅBERG: It's almost like drinking from a fire hose at times. I trust that's going to be good enough. I'm not trying to be anyone else. I'm not trying to, you know, impress anyone.

ANNC: Think about some of the young guys we’ve got. You’ve got Ludvig Åberg, 24 years old, you think about some of the young studs right now it’s pretty impressive. Golf’s in a good place right now.

ÅBERG: All the I guess so-called buzz I can't really control that.  All I try to do is play golf and have fun. So obviously there's going to be a lot more eyes on you and I understand that but at the end of the day, all I try to do is prepare and play for each event the best I can and then see where that takes me.

SCHEFFLER: He's got the right attitude to succeed out here. I think that's something that's really important. I played a few practice rounds with this year and competed with him in some tournaments. He puts in the work, you know, I'll go in the gym after the round, I'll see him in there. He's doing all the right things to play well here and with the right attitude

ÅBERG: I'm always going to be a competitor. I'm always going to be trying to do the best I can for sure. And it doesn't matter if I'm here for the first time or for the 22nd time, I'll still feel that same way.

FLEETWOOD: When he turned pro last year people were talking already about him being part of the Ryder Cup team. It showed obviously a lot about what his game was like statistically as well, because none of us would have seen him play unless you got drawn with him. But the statistics spoke for themselves in terms of how they've been playing in college.

ÅBERG: I think the whole week in Rome I got to play in a setting that I haven't experienced ever before in terms of on the golf course. Almost felt like afterwards, if I can perform under these conditions, I can perform pretty much anywhere.

FLEETWOOD: He then came out here and I think he made a huge impression very quickly.

ANNC: Another goal reached for the 24 year old Swedish sensation, savor the moment Ludvig, you’re now a PGA TOUR winner.

LOWRY: I think he's a future world number one. Like that's the that's the only thing I can say about him. He will be world number one at some stage.

ANNC: Åberg came out of college, he’s a big dude, strong and hits it a mile

ÅBERG: I have an easier time hitting up on it versus hitting down on it. I know it is an advantage for me.  I try to keep it very simple once again and I like hitting driver.

ANNC: Downwind with driver for Åberg, well that’s just a walk in the park.

ÅBERG: At the end of the day we're all going to have something that we're working on. And that's the same thing for me. I still have my things that I'm working on and trying to get better at, and it might look easy, but it certainly doesn't feel that way always.

ANNC: One sweet swing we’ve seen is Ludvig Åberg, it is a sight to behold.

ÅBERG: I don't define myself by the way that I play golf.  Whether I shoot 65 or 75, it doesn't really change. All I try to do is go out and play golf and I do it at a cool stage. Playing in the playoffs is going to be really cool and something I’m really looking forward to.