**PGA TOUR THE CUT – Episode 37**

**Procore Championship Master Script**

**Cold Open**

CELIA NAT: After you, boys. From Memphis to Denver to the season finale in Atlanta, the CUT team has been telling the stories of the playoffs from start to finish.

CAMERON NAT: "We're going to find out who has a legit chance to win this thing.

CELIA NAT: This looks really good. Oh! Really good!

PAUL NAT: And this is really about who's gonna make it to Eastlake for that final week.

CELIA NAT: We talked about setting the tone. That's how you set the tone.

SEAN NAT: Fitting end to the season Scottie has had, it's a coronation. He can walk up 18 knowing he's the FedEx Cup champion.

PAUL NAT: Let's talk about s cup Fall. Fall season, boys.

**Titles**

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR, THE CUT.**

**Player Grades Pt. 1**

CELIA: How would you grade your season A through F?

MORIKAWA SOT: I'd give it like a B. I think that's better than I have given myself last year. The only way to get it to an A is to win. I've got to give myself and B, I can't be too harsh.

CLARK SOT: Right around a B plus A minus//winning pebble and then back to back seconds in Florida//I think anytime you make it to Eastlake, it's got to be a pretty good year.

ABERG SOT: I would probably get myself somewhere around a B-ish. I would have loved to finish off winning a tournament. I think I would have made the jump up to an A.

THEEGALA SOT: A through F? I'd probably give it a B, maybe a B plus. I'll give it a B-plus. I'll be nice to myself.

**Celia + Sean On-Cam #1 - Playoff Recap + Lookahead to Fall**

CALIA NAT: Guys getting the gang back together. Hard to believe the fall season is already upon us. It's been what like two weeks since Scottie Scheffler won the FedEx Cup, something like that. Before we look to the fall, what has been your lasting impression of what Scottie Scheffler was able to do this season, of course, ending with the FedEx Cup title?

SEAN NAT: Yeah, it was the perfect ending to basically a perfect season. You know, seven PGA Tour wins, a gold medal. He won the masters, the PLAYERS, so many signature events as well, Jack's tournament, Arnie's tournament, you can tell how much the FedExCup meant to him. And winning at East Lake, when you have that season, you want to make sure to end it on the right note. And he did.

PAUL NAT: I think it's fitting he got it done, particularly this season, just because he was in a position to do so the last two years. But he hadn't quite separated himself from the tour like he seemed to do this season. So for him to kind of embody all the improvement that he's made by winning the FedExCup, and now he gets to rest for the rest of the fall.

CELIA NAT: Yeah, we turn our attention to the FedExCup fall. We're a year removed from Sahith Theegala winning his first PGA Tour title at the Procore Championship just a season ago. He finished third in the FedExCup this year. We got to see the kind of player and person that he is after a setback in the third round.

**Sahith Theegala Feature**

ANNC: "That 2-shot penalty that Sahith called on himself cost him about $2.5 million."

ANNC: "Rarely do you see that in any other sport. He put it all in perspective, like how could I do anything else?"

THEEGALA SOT: "My family is just so positive. Culturally and values wise I've tried to pick up stuff from them as I've gone through life."

MURLI THEEGALA SOT: "In our culture we say when you raise kids, they have their own soul searching for what they want in accomplished life."

ANNC: "It's about doing the right thing for Theegala and that's all that mattered."

ANNC: "Golfing gods on his side.”

ANNC: "He has a huge throng of family and friends here. This is his 100th PGA TOUR start."

THEEGALA SOT: "It’s awesome to look back and think about because it moves so fast. The fact that I've been on tour two and a half years, it feels like I just got my card."

ANNC: "He can finally just breathe Steve. You've made the President's Cup on points, finally a chance to play his way into form. Well, there's some form!"

THEEGALA SOT: "Played really nice this year. My game, it felt like if you if I dissect my game into the four parts putting short game iron driver all parts of my game at one point during the season were probably the best they've ever been."

THEEGALA SOT: "I never had more than three parts really clicking the same week. My putting and driving will be incredible one week but just that week it happens to be bad chipping, bad iron play. And I know that's golf."

ANNC: "Wasn't in great form at all but you're starting to see what he's capable of."

THEEGALA SOT: "There's no denying that I want to be great and // I want to be the best in the world. It's going to take a lot of work for me to get to where I do dream of myself at some point."

ANNC: "His dad watching. Yeah! Great scenes in Napa, the family out there watching him. That was just pure joy. You can hear him and the family across all the grounds."

THEEGALA SOT: "It was a crazy week. I'm never going to take it for granted. I'm really happy I got one. Definitely feels like the monkey's off my back a little bit. Everyone was like, it's just a matter of time when you win. And for me, it was a matter of time if I win. Now that that if became a when, and it happened, it gave me a lot of confidence internally, but it also showed me the blueprint you need to win during a week."

THEEGALA SOT: "It's not as complicated as all of us golfers make it seem. You don't have to have the best week of your life. You just need to be disciplined, wait for the game to click. I know one thing I’ve learned is you can never force it. There's definitely been tournaments where my game feels incredible, but I force it and all of a sudden I'm not in contention even though my game is plenty good enough to be that week. I'm starting to believe again, it's a when thing, not an if thing so that's a start for sure."

THEEGALA SOT: "I’ve just kept the expectations off and just falling in love with the process. And that doesn't mean just on the golf course being a better brother, son, whatever that might be, I believe it all channels into one."

ANNC: "Big stakes this week in the FedExCup finale. They’re playing for their share of golf's biggest purse. Every shot counts. Theegala moving up the board."

ANNC: "Sahith has called for a ruling. He felt that he touched the sand when he was taking his backswing. Nothing we can see. Boy if it was absolutely grazed a couple grains."

THEEGALA SOT: "I really think I moved the sand. If somebody were to ask me if I moved the sand I would say yes because I saw it. It's a tough pill to swallow. But it is what it is and you've just got to take it."

ANNC: "Fightin' his way back."

ANNC THEEGALA HECK OF A BACK 9: "7 birdies on the second 9 alone."

ANNC: "Makes you love golf when you see that."

THEEGALA SOT: “Just because of my family and the values that they’ve instilled in me. Kind of having their perspective and leaning on them to show me positivity when something in life isn’t going my way, not just golf.”

ANNC: "That’s tracking, oh man! What an end to Theegala's week! How about playing the final 26 holes in 13-under. It just gives you a further idea of the quality guy that Sahith Theegala is."

MURLI THEEGALA SOT: A lot of people said that hey you raised a wonderful kid. But when I see what person he is I feel fortunate that he's born as our son."

**Player Grades Pt. 2**

HORSCHEL SOT: I would say, B-plus. It's been a really good season, coming off, probably one of the worst season I've had in my career. Could have had a few more wins or another win would be nice, but B-plus, solid B-Plus.

PAVON SOT: That's an A season for me. First timer on the PGA TOUR, won my first tournament on the PGA TOUR at Torrey. Got into my first Masters. I was really enjoying this year discovering America. Discovering all those new tournaments.

LOWRY SOT: I'd give it a B If I had a win myself individually, I'd give it an A. I think I've been very consistent. I've had a lot of good finishes and big events. 2019 was my best year, I think this is probably second.

**Celia + Sean On-Cam #2 - Cameron On-Site**

CELIA NAT: We're missing the fourth member of our team, Cameron. He's out in Napa having a great time at the Procore Championship.

SEAN NAT: Not a bad assignment to get. Let's see how he's doing, see what he's working on, see what stories he's pursuing. Cameron, what's up? How you doing?

CAMERON NAT: Hey Celia, hey guys. Greetings from Napa!

SEAN NAT: What are you working on out there?

CAMERON NAT: It's a big week out here. It's Sahith week. He's defending first time on the PGA Tour. So, an exciting week, for sure.

SEAN NAT: What are the stories you're gonna tell around him?

CAMERON NAT: Well, you know, it's funny. We had a very interesting story where you know some fans, they like to watch a tournament just stay on one hole. Some fans, they like to follow one player for the entire 18 holes. Well, I did a story on Jeffie and Rick Mackey, who followed Sahith for the entire FedExCup Playoffs, all 5000 plus miles. They drove from their home in Las Cruces, New Mexico, to Memphis, Denver and Atlanta, then back to Las Cruces, 5000 plus miles. They're dedicated. She was his eighth grade PE teacher, and co-coached the golf team, so kind of a nice connection. Sahith calls her a real sweetheart. So I'm excited for people to watch it and read it.

**Theegala Fans**

CAMERON NAT: We're here with Jeffie and Rick Mackey, the biggest Sahith Theegala fans on planet Earth. They have traveled the globe. You're coming up on, what, 35,000 miles?

JEFFIE MACKEY: And we're not done.

CAMERON NAT: You did have to do an oil change in Wyoming on the way here?

RICK MACKET: We did. We're putting lots of miles on the cars. So you know, when the oil light comes on, it's time to change oil. Regardless of where we're at, we depend on the car to get us there.

CAMERON NAT: Now just explain just the origin story of the sahe fandom. You happen to start a golf program in middle school, right?

JEFFIE MACKEY: Another school called us and said, we've got a couple of teams, and we'd like to expand our program. Do you have a golf program? Said no, but we're recreational golfers. We love the game of golf, and we'll put one together. We went out and recruited some kids, and lo and behold, Sahith as a 12 year old came out.

RICK NAT: A couple days into the practices she said, I actually have a kid on my team that we may be seeing playing in the PGA tournament someday. And I thought, okay, yeah, right, right. And as it turns out, this was one of those times.

ANNC: Sahith Theegala, it's been the loudest gallery every single day, and it's growing. It's getting bigger right now. You have more people who are friends of his, are related to him out there. He is very well supported out there.

CAMERON NAT: Now. You are not inconspicuous out on the course in that shirt and that hat. What does he say when he sees you out on the course? He says, I love it. Yeah, he does. He's all excited. The family have been so supportive and loving and gracious, and every time we meet back up at another tournament it's like a family reunion. Somebody yesterday on the course, said, 'We love Sahith. He's so nice. What makes him so great?' It's his family, his family support. You meet his mom, his dad, his aunts, his uncles, his friends, everybody was just amazing. And I think the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. He's a great kid.

**ServPro Vignette**

**THE CUT PRESENTS RAPID RECOVERY.**

**IN SEARCH OF HIS FIRST VICTORY ONE YEAR AGO...**

ANNC: This one's gone left, and that is not good.

**...SAHITH THEEGALA FACED TROUBLE AFTER AN ERRANT TEE SHOT ON THE 13TH HOLE DURING HIS FINAL ROUND.**

ANNC: Chunked it. Dead chunked it. Now he's put himself in a pressure box. He's been an absolute magician around the greens this week. There you go. Control the distance. Pitch beautiful. That is so good. His scrambling this week has just been superb. That is a professional pitch from a man who needed it, right. There you.

**Celia + Sean On-Cam #3 - Top 60 Bubble**

CELIA NAT: There's plenty to play for in the FedExCup Fall season. The guys who finished in the top 50, they're already into the signature events. But Sean, there's still a way for guys playing in the fall to get into those events as well.

SAEN NAT: Yeah, numbers 51, through 60, after the RSM, they'll get into both the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and the Genesis Invitational. It's a great way to start your season, potentially set yourself up to get into more signature events, and you're also playing two of the most prestigious courses and tournaments on the tour schedule.

CELIA NAT: Who in that 51, to 60 category right now do you have your eye on as we look to the fall season and see how they play?

SEAN NAT: Yeah, it's a great mix of names. Tom Kim is there? 51 really wants to hold on to that spot, especially after the heartbreaking finish to the St Jude. You look at Maverick McNealy, who wants to get back to Pebble, a place that's near and dear to him, where he's had success, a veteran like Justin Rose, who we saw, you know, qualify for the open and finish runner up and a past champion at Pebble. He wants to get into the biggest events. He's accustomed to playing them. And you go down the list for, you know, names like Harris, English, Nick Taylor. These are familiar names that you know, want to be in these tournaments, playing against the best players.

PAUL NAT: Yeah, I got my eye on some of those down towards the bottom of that due on to 60. I think Tom Kim's pretty safe where he's at right now, but guys like Nick Taylor and Jake Nat, two people who won on tour this year, not secure in their spot for the signature events. They're going to have to find some form after really playing well at the beginning of the season, really struggling as of late, Nick Taylor obviously doesn't get into the President's cup. Can that help motivate him? Can the signature events help motivate him? I've got mine on him. Then Min Woo number 60. So if, if it ended, we didn't have the fall, he would be getting into those first two signature events. He's kind of that last man in right on the bubble. Had a couple runner up finishes this year. Played well at spots, but a little bit inconsistency means he's going to have something to play for this fall.

**Min Woo Lee Mini**

MODERATOR: "We would like to welcome Min Woo Lee If you can just recap the year for us."

MIN WOO LEE: "Yeah, just rating it would probably be like a B minus. First year out here, I obviously kept my card. I guess it was tough to make it into the Signature Events..."

CAMERON NAT: You mentioned the Signature Events and right now you're 60th in the FedExCup. How much will that number kind 2 of be on your mind?

MIN WOO LEE: "I wish it ended this week. There's definitely a lot of points up for grabs. My goal is to try to get into those events. Hopefully I can and play well in them."

ANNC: "Min Woo Lee trying to deliver. To establish the outright lead once again."

MIN WOO LEE: "A lot of it's mentality. Just kind of belief a little bit. When I'm mentally on the golf course thinking I can do it, I feel like I play pretty well."

ANNC: "In a good position to make a run at this championship."

MIN WOO LEE: "Obviously a win would be nice, but tough out here, a lot of good golfers. Just go out there and hit one shot at a time with some mentality."

**Procore Recap**

ANNC: "These guys are so talented, they work so hard and when it finally comes together for 'em like it did for Patton Kizzire this week it just validates all that hard work these guys put in.

KIZZIRE SOT: "I knew that it would be difficult not to get ahead of myself with a four-shot lead heading into today. I wrote down in my yardage book, "I am here, I am now." I kept going back to that and that helped me be disciplined and stay present."

ANNC: "Worth the wait in Napa! Kizzire wins the Procore Championship. Nearly 7-year winless drought on the PGA TOUR."

KIZZIRE SOT: "It's just so sweet to go through the ups and downs, that's life. There's ups and downs, you've just got to stay positive and that's what led me here to right now."

**FedExCup Fall Standings**

**PATTON KIZZIRE MOVES UP TO 71st IN THE FEDEXCUP FALL STANDINGS, WHILE MINWOO LEE FINISHES IN A TIE FOR 32ND TO MAINTAIN HIS POSITION.**

**Birdies Fore Love**

**DAVID LIPSKY LED THE FIELD IN BIRDIES OR BETTER ON HIS WAY TO A RUNNER-UP FINISH AS HE SITS ATOP THE BIRDIES FORE LOVE STANDINGS.**

**Player Grades Pt. 3**

TOM HOGE: That's a tough question. I say a B, maybe an A-minus. Obviously, getting here to Eastlake is kind of the goal all year long. This was my 10th year on TOUR and only second time I've made it here so I can have an appreciation for how hard it is to get here.

BEN AN: Definitely an A. I've done most of my goals. Making tour champ, making the president cup team. could've done better. Yes. But like I said, two of the three goals this is pretty good.

HOVLAND SOT: I don't know how to grade it, but all I can do is kind of look ahead and see that the curve is trending upwards and I'm just kind of pumped that we're we're getting better and better.

**Celia + Sean On-Cam #3 - What's at Stake in the Fall**

CELIA NAT: The other bubble to keep an eye on is the top 125, and that's the threshold to keep fully exempt status on the PGA TOUT.

SEAN NAT: That top 125 bubble is where the real drama happens. Those are people trying to keep their card, trying to ensure they have another season on the PGA TOUR. And it's a great mix of names. You have a guy like Pearson Coody, a young star, a former number one in PGA TOUR U. He wants to keep his job and have a 2025 where he's playing fully on the PGA TOUR, and he knows where he's playing, has a chance to get that win that so many expect out of him. Yeah.

PAUL NAT: And then on the flip side, those veterans trying to just keep it going for another season, Daniel burger is one of those guys, 138 right now trying to play his way in. He's gonna have to have a good fall to get there. And he's struggled a little bit since coming back from injury. So can someone like him play well in these fall events and keep his card for next year?

CELIA NAT: There's eight total events in the FedExCup fall. It feels like a race to the finish, but there's plenty of opportunities for guys to solidify their status. Who will prove they belong?

**Fall Schedule**

ANNC: The FedEx Cup fall. If you're outside the top 125 you're trying to make a move. Or if you're there, you're trying to stay right there.

ANNC: The rolling hills of California wine country, Napa Valley, the FedEx Cup fall gets underway here at Silverado.

ANNC: What a finish in Jackson, Mississippi!

ANNC: Going back to Utah on the PGA TOUR. From Las Vegas, Nevada, annual stop here in the desert. Tom Kim is going back to back in the desert!

ANNC: Tokyo, the largest city on Earth, the only PGA TOUR event here in Japan. A golf crazy nation.

ANNC: Baja Peninsula in Mexico. El Cardinal at Diamante. He just made it!

ANNC: Beautiful Bermuda. Camillo Villegas is back in the winner's circle. Savor the moment Ludwig, you are now a PGA TOUR winner.