2024 PGA TOUR: The CUT #38

International Script

COLD OPEN

ANNC: We welcome you to the Presidents Cup. A scene unlike any other throughout the golf season.

ANNC: And it's Chris DiMarco who wins the Presidents Cup!

ANNC: For the win!

ANNC: That’s a drop the putt moment for Justin Thomas and Tiger Woods. And where else do you get that kind of emotion?

NAT: Let’s go! Whew!

ANNC: Oh no! Woody Austin trying to hit it out of the water. Oh my gosh.

ANNC: Beautiful touch there. Does it? Oh yes!

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler, oh the Americans jar one.

ANNC: Tiger Woods perfect for the week clinches the cup!

ANNC: If this goes in, it’ll be the biggest roar at Royal Montreal.

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT.**

PRESIDENTS CUP CAPTAINS

WEIR: Every time I get to come to Montreal I love it. I love the culture of the people. We have great diversity in this city, in our country in general, but here in particular the people are fantastic.

FURYK: The folks here from Canada are great sports fans. They love their golf, this is a great venue for them.

WEIR: I'm in this position now to lead a bunch of guys that I really care about and want them to succeed and want them to reach their, their goals and their expectations. It's an honor to do that. I'm really looking forward to the challenge.

FURYK: It was an honor to be named captain. Any time I can have the flag on my sleeve and represent our country to represent the American side of the PGA TOUR and 12 guys is amazing. It's an honor for us to be a part of it and I'm excited to lead this team.

WEIR: We’ve known each other a long time and to be captaining against Jim is an honor.

Captain, welcome to Montreal.

FURYK: Thank you, appreciate it. Thanks a lot.

WEIR: If I think back to my own career, the Presidents Cup memories are right at the top of the list compared to my own individual achievements.

ELS: The best player to ever have come out of Canada. He's been such an influential member of our team throughout all the years as a player and as assistant captain. He knows what we need to do.

CONNERS: I remember watching him win the Masters and beating Tiger in Sunday at the singles in the Presidents Cup at Royal Montreal. He really motivated me to work hard and try and be like Mike.

HUGHES: Mike is definitely the guy inspiring us to try and do these things and to realize that they were possible, just a testament to never giving up.

SCOTT: He's a national hero and I think it's fitting that he's the captain in Canada. It will also be fitting that we kind of get the victory on home soil.

FURYK: You start each-and-every year kind of making some goals and for almost every player, making a Presidents Cup team, that's usually kind of one of the first things on the list, if not the first thing on your list that I want to be considered one of the 12 best Americans in the game.

NATS: From Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, Jim Furyk!

FURYK: We had a lot of fun together, a lot of camaraderie, and we won a bunch of Presidents Cups and so that would be what I'm, I’m most proud of.

WEIR: He was a stalwart of those teams for all those years and performed well.

HOMA: He's intense. He has a lot of passion. He's prideful. Obviously, a wealth of knowledge in the game of golf.

BRADLEY: Jim Furyk is one of the best players to play the TOUR. A guy that does everything the right way. Practices hard. Is a grinder. A guy that you can really look up to and model your game after.

CLARK: Jim has obviously the credentials to be a great captain, but then also is a good person and a huge competitor. So, I think he's going to be one of our best captains yet.

FURYK: This younger generation’s seen me around the Ryder Cups and Presidents Cups as an assistant captain kind of understand who I am and how much these events mean to me.

SCHEFFLER: He's going to be a great leader. I think he'll be very organized and he's extremely competitive as well. And I love that in a captain.

CANTLAY: He has a great way about him, a great demeanor. He's a fiery competitor and really wants to win. And he's expressed how much he's willing to do anything in his power to help us win. And that's exactly what you would want out of a captain.

THE ROYAL MONTREAL GOLF CLUB

**FOR THE SECOND TIME IN PRESIDENTS CUP HISTORY, CANADA PLAYS HOST TO THE TOURNAMENT RETURNING TO THE FAMILIAR SITES OF THE ROYAL MONTREAL GOLF CLUB… HOME OF THE 2007 EDITION.**

WEIR: It's a worthy venue. It's a great course.

FURYK: It's withstood the test of time. It's a wonderful golf course.

CINK: Any sporting event held in an old city like Montreal is just going to be better because of the history and the generations of things that have occurred there.

DICKSON: The pride is very, very high because they know that Royal Montreal is on the world class scale. On our course record board, we have Jack Nicklaus’ name, we have Tom Weiskopf’s name. So, we've had phenomenal rounds of golf played. And we've been so proud to host some of the world's greatest players of all time.

WEIR: The golf course is very traditional golf course.

FURYK: It's a good course for match play. I think it gives you a lot of options off the tee.

AUSTIN: The uniqueness of that golf course is the slopes of the fairways are opposite. So, if the hole dog legs right, fairway slopes left. And so, it's difficult to keep the ball in the fairway.

GOOSEN: It's a great golf course. It’s a lot of risk reward shots; a lot of water around.

ANNC: And is this one headed for the water? Yes!

CINK: There's a lot of water in play about midway through the back nine. Back-to-back par fours where you have to hit it out of some peninsulas and across the water to the greens.

ANNC: And that … went in the hazard.

CINK: That part of the course is awesome for match play because there's a lot of cool shots coming down the stretch there where you have to decide how much you're going to take on.

ANNC: He splashed it left in that water. Ugh, what a mistake!

APPLEBY: I expect some length I expect a different golf course, but I think the DNA of it will be very similar to ‘07. Crowds will be huge. Canadians love their sport.

JIM FURYK: It'll test all aspects of the player's game. And so, I think it's a great venue.

INTERNATIONAL TEAM UNITES

KIM: We're players from different environments, from different countries. And to kind of have at least one logo for us players just kind of brings everyone together and makes us feel a little closer as teammates.

SCOTT: The shield now has significant meaning for international players, certainly the players who've been on the team.

BEZUIDENHOUT: When I put that shield on for the first time, it gave me a similar feeling of representing something more than just yourself. Playing for your country, but you play for the shield as well.

CONNERS: It gives the team an identity and you know, we're all really proud to wear the shield and it's a huge honor to represent the international team.

SCOTT: The players who are aspiring to make the team and even kids one day looking up to make the team understand what the shield means. And I think that's a huge part of the international team's evolution.

INTERNATIONAL TEAM LINEUP

**THIS YEAR IN CANADA, THE INTERNATIONAL TEAM LOOKS TO END A DOMINANT RUN BY THE U.S. TEAM AND UNITE BEHIND THE SHIELD TO CLAIM VICTORY FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1998.**

**LEADING THE WAY FOR THE INTERNATIONALS ARE THE SIX AUTOMATICS QUALIFIERS, WHO HAVE ALL PLAYED IN A PRESIDENTS CUP BEFORE, INCLUDING AUSTRALIAN ADAM SCOTT WHO IS MAKING HIS INTERNATIONAL TEAM RECORD 11TH APPEARANCE AND FELLOW AUSSIE JASON DAY RETURNING TO THE COMPETITION FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2017.**

**MIKE WEIR FILLED OUT THE TEAM WITH HIS SIX CAPTAIN’S PICKS INCLUDING TWO ROOKIES IN AUSTRALIAN MIN WOO LEE AND CANADIAN MACKENZIE HUGHES. IN ADDITION TO HUGHES, FELLOW COUNTRYMEN COREY CONNERS AND TAYLOR PENDRITH, GIVE CANADA 3 REPRESENTATIVES, THE MOST CANADIANS ON A SINGLE TEAM IN PRESIDENTS CUP HISTORY.**

SCOTT: Qualifying for 11 straight Presidents Cups is certainly a highlight in the career, but it's because it only comes around every couple of years. I'm really determined to keep making this team while I'm out on TOUR, being competitive and making sure the internationals get another victory.

LEE: I haven't played, you know, a team event like this in a in a very long time, but I've heard a lot from past experiences from people that, you know, it is a pretty special feeling.

DAY: It's going to be interesting to be one of the older guys in the team room, even though I act, a lot younger than what I am age wise.

ANNC: Got it! He wanted the big stage, he got it, and he delivered!

KIM: My first Presidents Cup just was so passionate and wanted to do so much for our team. It is the one week where we get to play on a team environment and after the last one, I want to be on the next team again. There's so much joy for that one week. You’re not playing for yourself.

AN: It's been pretty close last few of them so hopefully in Canada this year we have a great run again and I really think we have a great chance.

PENDRITH: We've got a great team this year and we've embraced the underdog role and on paper, the U.S. team's super strong but we're here to surprise some people.

HUGHES: Royal Montreal is going to be unbelievable and competing in a Presidents Cup is already a huge honor, but then doing it on home soil would be this stuff a dreams.

CONNERS: I’ll definitely draw on my experience. There will be a lot of fans cheering us on and it'll be a much more comfortable atmosphere. Canadians love sports and they'll be cheering us on with all they've got.

RAPID RECOVERY

**THE CUT PRESENTS… RAPID RECOVERY**

**DURING THE OPENING DAY FORESOMES OF THE 2022 PRESIDENTS CUP, CAM DAVIS AND SI WOO KIM FOUND THEMSELVES DOWN 1 ON THE 16TH AND IN TROUBLE...**

ANNC: That came out low and left. Boy look out there’s a little cross bunker right there. That’s about 40 yards short of the green. Wow that’s going to leave a tough shot.

ANNC: Not an easy one. That’s well done.

ANNC: Let’s see if they can finally make a big putt. And finally, Si Woo Kim gets one to go!

**KIM'S RECOVERY BIRDIE TURNED THE TIDE FOR THE PAIR AS THEY WENT ON TO WIN THE NEXT TWO HOLES AND CAPTURE THE INTERNATIONALS LONE POINT OF THE DAY.**

U.S. DOMINANCE

ANNC: They've been playing for that coveted President's Cup since 1994 and the United States is absolutely dominated the competition!

CANTLAY: There's a lot of pressure to win that that week and not cede any momentum to the internationals.

ANNC: And Cantlay drives it home for a crucial full point!

HOMA: The U.S. obviously has done a really good job in these events. It just felt like we were playing some great golf.

BRADLEY: Guys on our team make a lot of birdies, great wedge players. So, they're going to be tough in a match play setting.

ANNC: Xander Schauffele showing that American grit along with the talent!

SCHAUFFELE: Winning takes care of a lot of things. Good golf takes care of a lot of things

MORIKAWA: What it comes down to is just meshing together really well, being a team. We just know it works and we've been able to obviously beat the International team.

ANNC: The dominance continues at the President's Cup for the red, white and blue!

CLARK: Even though we've had a lot of success in the Presidents Cup, we got to still go in there with the mindset that we're, the team to beat and we have to go prove that.

FURYK: I don’t really think you need to go in the team room and explain how important the event is. They want to play for their country and on a team.

UNITED STATES TEAM LINEUP

**LOOKING TO EXTENDING THE WINNING STREAK TO 10, THE US TEAM HEADS NORTH OF THE BORDER WITH THEIR TEAM COMPRISED OF THEIR 6 AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS INCLUDING WORLD NUMBERS 1 & 2 IN SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER AND XANDER SCHAUFFLE, PLUS A PAIR OF PRESIDENTS CUP ROOKIES… WYNDHAM CLARK AND SAHITH THEEGALA.**

**THE REMAINING 6 MEMBERS COME FROM CAPTAIN JIM FURYK’S PICKS WHICH INCLUDES TWO MORE U.S. TEAM ROOKIES AND FORMER GEORGIA BULLDOG TEAMMATES, RUSSELL HENLEY AND BRIAN HARMAN… AND WITH A LATE SEASON CHARGE, FUTURE RYDER CUP CAPTAIN KEEGAN BRADLEY RETURNS TO THE TEAM FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2013.**

CLARK: I think it’s the greatest honor you can do as an athlete. Having that opportunity is a dream come true.

CANTLAY: Every time you get to team up with the best players in the world and represent your country, it feels different.

HENLEY: I've watched all these team matches over the years always just hoping for an opportunity to be on the team.

THEEGALA: What I bring to the U.S. team is a unique style of playing the game. More of a scrapper mentality.

MORIKAWA: I kind of bring that even keel nature. I allow people just to kind of get relaxed and be themselves and that's what you want around a team room.

SCHAUFFELE: I bring hopefully really good golf, being a good teammate and hopefully a lot of fun as well.

ANNC: World number one, PGA TOUR Player of the Year, doing his thing at the first!

SCHEFFLER: I pride myself on staying in it the whole time. And I'm hoping to bring a little bit of that energy to our team this year.

HARMAN: When I'm good, I'm really hard to beat. I don't have any quit in me. U.S. team's getting all that I've got. I've had this one circled for a long time.

FINAU: Whatever the captains ask of me, I'm willing to do it. Whether that's cheer, play, I'm a team player and you can count on Tony Finau being ready to play.

ANNC: Bradley loves it!

BRADLEY: You're able to really let your energy out and enjoy the moment. That's my favorite part about these tournaments.

U.S. VS. THE WORLD

HARMAN: It's not often in golf that you get to play in a real away game scenario, so I relish it.

CANTLAY: It'll be fun to go to Canada and be in hostile territory.

ANNC: And Cantlay just drives it home for a crucial full point win for him and Xander Schauffele! They’re going to suck the energy right out of this crowd.

BRADLEY: Being the road team is fun. That's part of playing on these teams is feeling what it's like to be the Boston Celtics and play in New York or be the Patriots and play in Miami.

SCHEFFLER: When you're in an arena and people are booing you and cheering against you, it's almost kind of kind of a fun experience. There's always a huge roar for the home team and there's always a slightly quieter roar for the away team.

NAT: Oh, oh, oh,oh.

CLARK: We’re the team to beat and we have to go prove that and we are always using every event, every time we put on the red, white, and blue as an opportunity to win on the road.

SCHEFFLER: Sometimes when you're playing a team at home, you know, they can really ride off some momentum from the crowd and so it's important to go out there and try to play some good golf so that the crowd can stay fairly quiet.

HOMA: I love hearing it get real quiet when you play over kind of enemy lines.

SCHAUFFELE: They're going to come up with some songs, you know, that are hopefully funny.

NATS: Yummy, yummy, yummy, chameleon. Straight on the green! Straight on the green!

BRADLEY: Sometimes when there's a lot of people cheering against you, it can bring your team closer together.

SCHAUFFELE: Canadians are very nice people. I don't feel like the level of harassment should be too bad, but you just embrace being on the road and you know, you're a guest there and just try and show out with the golf, as always.

BIRDIES FORE LOVE

**OVER THE PAST TWO SEASONS, SAHITH THEEGALA HAS WON THE WEEKLY BIRDIES FORE LOVE COMPETITION THREE TIMES, EARNING 150-THOUSAND DOLLARS WHICH HE DONATED TO CHARITIES BENEFITTING CHILDREN.**

THEEGALA: The RSM Birdies Fore Love is such a brilliant concept. The 3 charities I donated to have all been tailored towards helping kids. There’s just a lot of things going on in the world and you hope for healthy children and unfortunately that’s just not the case in a lot of the country and a lot of the world.

STAPP: Butterflies and Birdies started when I lost my daughter Jordan to SIDS and four months later, we lost my niece, Kellie Arce’s daughter Ava to a stillborn. It was a lot of heartbreak for our family, it was very traumatic. And so it was our goal to help other families so now we donate Owlets to babies, cuddle cots to hospitals. And these are things that both could have impacted the lives of our daughters.

ARCE: Whenever Kendal and I lost our kids, our community rallied behind us. We have people that have come every single year, every tournament and it’s really incredible the community that rallies together to help families.

THEEGALA: They’re just so passionate about it, they don’t want other families to go through what they have been through, and it is something that is absolutely preventable with the right equipment.

ARCE: Birdies Fore Love made a huge impact. This type of donation, it is huge, it affects everything. We’ve been able to donate to more families, donate to more hospitals, and also put together media pieces that get our word out.

STAPP: To have a PGA TOUR player, especially a winner, someone that is so unbelievable like Sahith even think to donate to us is just the biggest blessing to us. We’re very thankful for Birdies Fore Love.

THEEGALA: Just to be able to be a part of that, it makes me really happy and hopefully I can continue to do more for them as well.

FIRST TEE BUILDOUT & NERVES

WEIR: There’s a lot going on, on the first tee of the President’s Cup. It’s an electric atmosphere. Those fans that were there in 2022, the enclosed atmosphere, stadium like feel. The chants from the crowd. There’s going to be that similar atmosphere but it’s all going to be wrapped in our home team black.

FURYK: You come from the putting green to enter in a stadium like atmosphere. Fans cheering from each side. There’s going to be a lot of Canadian fans and a lot of international fans cheering for their team and it just creates a lot of excitement. We as players, prepared our whole career for moments where you step on the first tee and you’re in that great atmosphere and there’s no place you’d rather be.

ANNC: (WELCOME IN FRENCH)

ANNC: Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the 2024 President’s Cup.

**THE FIRST TEE IN MONTREAL WILL HOST 2,500 FANS, MATCHING THE EVENTS LARGEST BUILD FROM 2022 AND ADDING TO THE PRESSURE OF HITTING THAT FIRST TEE SHOT.**

ANNC: What a great scene here at the Presidents Cup. Those stands have been filled up at the first tee.

KIM: Literally all I thought to myself was let's [BLEEP] go.

ANNC: It’s a Presidents Cup setting the likes of which we’ve never seen before.

NATS: U-S-A!

KIM: It’s definitely something I wasn't expecting and I think when I got to the first tee, there were a lot more nerves than I would have expected.

ANNC: Tom Kim cranks them up. This is how he likes it.

FINAU: I still remember it like it was yesterday in 2019. I remember not being able to feel my arms.

HOMA: I was fairly overwhelmed walking to the first tee...

NATS: And Xander Schauffele!

SCHAUFFELE: You get to the tee and you start to hear the USA chants.

NATS: USA!

MAX HOMA: I'm very, very thankful Tony hit the first tee shot. He was a superhero at that point to me.

ADAM SCOTT: The first tee was such a great experience. It's gone from big to enormous.

ANNC Just a great scene to get going here.

SCOTT: It's different for everyone. It's an environment that we don't normally play in. It only comes around every couple of years.

WEIR: To hit that opening tee shot, you’ve got to control your adrenaline or use it to your advantage.

FINAU: When you tee your ball up, it seems like there's havoc going on around you.

SCHEFFLER: I just think it's all the people that kind of crowd around the tee they would go crazy.

FINAU: And then you tee your ball up and its dead quiet. There's a lot of a lot of nerves involved, but overall, you have to relish it.

MORIKAWA: That's what's really cool about team events especially the President’s Cup, is it channels that energy into not necessarily being nervous but fuel and excitement.

CONNERS: Really unlike anything I had experienced before. The atmosphere is really crazy wouldn't expect anything different.

KIM: They're going to be very feisty. I can't wait to get those Canadian crowds going.

HENLEY: I’m sure it’s a rush... a rush that I’ve never experience before.

LEE: It's going to be pretty nerve wracking; I know it's going to be exciting.

THEEGALA: It's something I haven 't been able to do in my life yet and I just can't even imagine what the what the feeling is going to be like when I step on that first tee. It's just going to feel kind of like a full circle moment.