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**INTERNATIONAL SCRIPT**

COLD OPEN

ANNC: Las Vegas Nevada, 10 miles from the strip, TPC Summerlin, sole host course since 2008, 16th straight year players know this place very well.

ANNC: Tom Kim is a two-time winner before the age of 21 on the PGA TOUR…

TOM KIM: This course is made for making a lot of birdies, I think that’s why I have been able to do well. You have to stick to your game plan and be pretty smart.

ANNC: Tom Kim has gone back-to-back in the desert!

MAVERICK MCNEALY: It's special to be able to play a golf tournament and sleep in my own bed. This is a golf course, basically my home course. I play here five, six days a week. Every time you tee it up here, you’re kind of thinking about the tournament and looking forward to it. It's definitely one of my favorite weeks of the year.

RICKIE FOWLER: I lived here for a year when I first turned pro. I used to play and practice a bit here at Summerlin. Vegas is always a fun place to come back to.

**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

PICKLE BALL WITH RICKIE FOWLER

GRAYSON: Hey

RICKIE FOWLER: How’s it going?

GRAYSON: Good, how are you?

RICKIE FOWLER: Good man, Rickie.

GRAYSON: Grayson, nice to meet you.

RICKIE FOWLER: Are we going to play a little pickle ball?

GRAYSON: That’s what I’ve heard. I’m excited.

RICKIE FOWLER: Yeah, let’s play some pickle ball.

**20 YEAR OLD SHRINERS PATIENT, GRAYSON, WAS BORN WITHOUT A FEMUR BUT HAS REMAINED ACTIVE THANKS TO THE USE OF A PROSTHETIC LEG**

GRAYSON: I do a lot of pickle ball, two or three times a week. And then in the winter, I’m a big skier and then I do a lot of intermural sports with my friends. I just kind of show up and have fun.

RICKIE FOWLER: Shanked it. You hit that one too hard for me.

GRAYSON: I can go a little easier if you’d like.

RICKIE FOWLER: It’s just great what Shriners does and being involved with this tournament and being able to bring some patients out. I think it really helps for everyone to be able to put life into prospective. To see guys like him thriving at life and dealing with what he’s had to deal with and beating me up on the court. He doesn’t let that hold him back.

RICKIE FOWLER: That’s my spot, he’s got my number.

GRAYSON: Oh, even on an easy serve.

RICKIE FOWLER: A golf ball is way smaller than this and I can hit the middle of that.

GRAYSON: Oh, good shot.

RICKIE FOWLER: I had to get one. That’s how I get a point, when he screws up.

GRAYSON: Shriners has been such a pivotal part of my life.

RICKIE FOWLER: It’s really cool to see the impact that Shriners can have on people’s lives. I’m going to leave the pickle ball to my parents. They play every day, I have played very few times. Who knows? Maybe down the road but I’m going to stick to hitting the little white golf ball for now. I’m going to stay over here.

GRAYSON: That was a once in a lifetime experience. It just doesn’t feel real and it was really fun.

RICKIE FOWLER: I’m going to go practice a bit and then we can play again.

GRAYSON: Hey, maybe next time.

RICKIE FOWLER: Enjoy it, man.

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY

**RANKED 128TH IN THE FEDEX CUP FALL STANDINGS, LAS VEGAS NATIVE, TAYLOR MONTGOMERY, LOOKS TO FIND SUCCESS AT HOME AFTER A LONG PERIOD RECOVERING FROM INJURIES.**

ANNC: Next on the tee, Taylor Montgomery

ANNC: Taylor Montgomery took the last seven weeks off due to injury.

ANNC: He’s left it to the right again. That is his miss.

ANNC: He’s had a lot of issues with his shoulders so maybe that apart of those two drives.

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: I felt pain last year and it was in the back part of my shoulder. And then once the back healed up, it started going to the front. It wasn’t fun.

ANNC: Well that’s another really bad miss. Way left, caught the tree.

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: I’ve just been struggling off the tee. Can’t even really compete. I’ve been working 9-10 hours a day and it just hasn’t been working out.

ANNC: Just a rub a little bit of salt into the womb. Double bogey at the second.

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: If most guys saw some of the shots I’ve been hitting, they would have quit the game a long time ago. I’m a competitor and I care. So that’s the key, if I didn’t care, I wouldn’t be out here.

**NOW BACK IN HIS HOMETOWN OF LAS VEGAS, TAYLOR MONTGOMERY HOPES THE GOOD VIBES OF HOME SPUR ON A RUN OF GOOD PLAY.**

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: I love being close to home. Anytime I can see mountains, I feel a lot happier.

ANNC: Montgomery … got it! There you go!

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: I’ve had some good runs and I’m actually happy with what I’ve accomplished with the swing that I’ve had. I’ve obviously had it before, you don’t make it to the PGA TOUR hitting the shots that I’ve been hitting because you can’t.

ANNC: Ah, that’s what we are used to seeing from Montgomery.

ANNC: He’s been very patient, waiting for things to turn around.

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: Just been trying to find it out here. Just so I can somewhat compete. And I love competing, it would be nice to get that feeling again.

IAN GILLIGAN

IAN GILLIGAN: It’s made me pretty grateful to be able to be at college with my friends and compete, especially at a high level. It’s easy to take stuff for granted so having the reminder of what I went through. So it’s really just being grateful and just trying to remind myself that everyday, it’s definitely changed my perspective.

IAN GILLIGAN: I remember the first time I noticed something was weird was when, just kind of stretching before a tournament and then the next month I just started to have dead skin come off my left armpit. Which is where it was. They took a biopsy of some of the cells and found they were cancerous.

JULIE GILLIGAN: It was one of the most horrible things a parent could go through.

GRANT GILLIGAN: The whole time you’re thinking, is my child going to survive. Ultimately all the doctors decided on the treatment he got and the first dose of chemo, pretty much removed and melted away all the cancer in his armpit. He went out on the golf course in between chemo. He would go out and his friends would take him out for a few holes, that really kept him going.

IAN GILLIGAN: That was huge because I was able to be outside with my friends and kind of take my mind off of things. And then after about 7 months of treatment, I got all cleared and kind of just back, right into it.

IAN GILLIGAN: It’s definitely something that I use for motivation and also knowing that I’ve gotten through something like that. So it just helps me get through other things, whether it’s, I get off to a bad start in a tournament and you feel like you can’t play any good golf. And it’s like, okay let’s just relax here. It’s just golf.

IAN GILLIGAN: Every college kid knows your junior year is when PGA TOUR U starts and so winning an event like that is huge for that and not only that, it was big for my confidence. Those are the best college players and probably one of the best college events in college golf.

NAT: And on behalf of the 1.5 million kids that Shriners has cared for across the world, it is with great honor to give you this, to play in our event this fall.

IAN GILLIGAN: I’m looking forward to just trying to learn as much as I can. And once again, just testing my game against that level of golf is obviously rare in college so I’m excited for that opportunity.

NAT: From Reno, Nevada, please welcome, Mr. Ian Gilligan!

**WHILE FACING TOUGH WIND CONDITIONS, IAN FIGHTS TO MAKE THE CUT AND PLAY THE WEEKEND IN HIS HOME STATE**

IAN GILLIGAN: It feels like you are in contention. I got the same kind of nerves of I’m trying to win a tournament.

ANNC: Making the cut at a tour event as an amateur, just got to be an amazing feeling.

IAN GILLIGAN: It was a grind for sure. I kind of knew the cut line was at two, but I knew I needed three under, pretty pleased with the overall grind today.

ANNC: He’s the 11th ranked amateur in the world and here he is playing the weekend at a PGA TOUR event. Only three amateurs have made the cut in the history of the event out in Las Vegas.

IAN GILLIGAN: Friday round with the weather, I played a really good round to make the cut and then today I was hitting fairways and greens and had a ton of looks and golf feels pretty easy when you’re in the fairway hitting greens so super excited with how I played today.

**AFTER MAKING THE CUT ON THE NUMBER IN HIS SECOND TOUR START, IAN GILLIGAN ENDED A STRONG WEEKEND WITH A TOP 20 FINISH. HOWEVER, GILLIGAN WASN'T THE ONLY ONE BATTLING THE CUT LINE WITH HOPES TO BE IN CONTENTION ON SUNDAY.**

EVENT RECAP

ANNC: Neil Shipley putting for birdie, trying to get onto the cutline … and he does and he knows it too! See that fist pump? These guys know exactly what’s going on. He has a par 5 coming up and he’s right there on the cutline thanks to back to back birdies.

HAYDEN SPRINGER: I wish that ball would have gone in for birdie, it would have made it a lot easier. I knew that if I probably made birdie on the ninth that I’d be pretty safe and if not, I probably wouldn’t make it through. So pretty much needed to make birdie there.

BEN GRIFFIN: The feelings, it’s kind of hard to describe Friday pressure around the cutline. It almost relates to Sunday down the stretch in contention, it’s similar feelings. It’s stuff you can’t replicate until you put yourself in the moment. You can’t really practice putts to make cuts and stuff like that, it’s just part of this game. That’s what makes the PGA TOUR so cool is that we do have a cut, it adds some drama and it’s part of the history of the game and it’s cool. It sucks definitely from time to time but it can also be rewarding.

ADAM SVENSSON: Making a cut, you're playing good golf. And it’s a terrible feeling when you do miss a cut because you work so hard and you feel like 80% of the time, you’re in the downward feeling and 20% of the time you’re feeling great. It’s just golf.

ZAC BLAIR: For me obviously, kind of that 115, 120 number, every cut is pretty important. I’ve had a few close ones. Was close in Jackson, barely made it in Utah. So I’ve been on both sides of it. It’s always on your mind when you’re coming down those last few holes. Just glad I made the putt.

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**THE CUT PRESENTS … RAPID RECOVERY**

 **DURING THE 2023 SHRINERS CHILDREN'S OPEN, MANY PLAYERS FOUND THEMSELVES WITH TRICKY RECOVERY SHOTS AT THE PAR 3 15TH.**

ANNC: Eric Cole, on the tee at 15. We’ve seen a lot of golf balls in that bunker. If you have a decent lie, you’ll be able to get it pretty close.

ANNC: Not a simple bunker shot but one that is certainly doable and he has played a gem! Oh yeah! Come on, Eric Cole! We said if the lie was good that you could knock it close but we were not thinking he was going to knock it in. What a two for Eric Cole.

WINNER FEATURE

ANNC: A year ago J.T. tied for third, now he has his third every victory on the PGA TOUR! Congratulations to J.T. Poston who gets the job done.

NAT: Nice work buddy! Nice work! Congratulations J.T.

J.T. POSTON: It's never easy winning out here on TOUR. Today was no different. It was nice. A dream scenario start, but from then on it felt a little bit scrapie and trying to be smart but also trying to stay aggressive because guys were making birdies. Thankfully was just enough there at the end.

J.T. POSTON: It's just a golf course that I really like. It's nice to finally get a win here. I felt like it was one that I could certainly win on. As far as celebration goes, I don't really know. We could probably get into some trouble here. But we'll celebrate a little bit with a few adult beverages I'm sure.

NAT: Yay!!! Hey! We did it! You see it?

NAT: Thank you! Y’all keep drinking the champagne, we’ll catch up here in a little bit.

J.T. POSTON: I would say the perspective is key in performing out here. Since Scottie was born I feel like that's been a little bit of a 180, and just realizing that golf is not the most important thing. It's honestly far from it. That has given me a little bit more freedom on the golf course, knowing regardless of how I play I get to go home and grab her, hug her, and be with her. And so that's a huge win in my book.

FEDEX CUP FALL STANDINGS

**POSTON’S POSITION IN THE TOP 50 IS ALREADY SECURE, BUT WITH THE WIN HE EARNED SPOTS IN THE 2025 MASTERS AND THE 2025 PGA CHAMPIONSHIP**

BIRDIES FORE LOVE STANDINGS

**AND AFTER FOUR EVENTS, MATTI SCHMID HAS THE LEAD IN THE BIRDIES FOR LOVE RACE.**

TOM HOGE BIRDIES FOR LOVE FEATURE

ANNC: Birdies Fore Love, raising money for charity at the end of this fall season. The player with the most birdies wins $300,000 for a charity of their choice.

TOM HOGE: When I first sat down with that $300,000 from RSM, I wanted to make a big impact and where I live now in Fort Worth, Texas. So a big part of that was staying home in Fort Worth, it became obvious pretty fast that Cook Children’s kind of had the biggest impact, not just in our area, but all across north Texas with the way they touch families so that was our target right away.

MEGAN CHAVEZ: Cook Children’s is an integrative healthcare system. We have about 90 locations across North Texas. The main hospital is here in Fort Worth. We see about two million patients annually across those 90 locations. And then our emergency room sometimes sees up to 400 patients every day.

KIMBERLY MCGINNIS: What makes Cook’s Children’s so special to me is the absolute magic that happens within our doors and our patients every single day. You have a really committed team of professionals that come together to serve to making kids our community have a better place to be.

MEGAN CHAVEZ: Tom donated to case management, so over 3400 families directly benefited from his donation. And if you kind of look at where those funds went to, it’s major things like patient medication assistance so families are able to afford the medication that are so important to their children’s care. Things like car seats, hotel vouchers, even gas to get to appointments. So again, lots of resources that over 3,400 of our families were able to benefit from.

KIMBERLY MCGINNIS: With this particular gift, being our largest gift to case management, it was tremendous elation about how many patient’s families will be able to be helped with a gift of this size.

TOM HOGE: With families affected by this, it felt like such a critical time and the financial stress as well is the last thing they need to be thinking about so it felt like a good fit.

KIMBERLY MCGINNIS: We are so immensely grateful for the Birdies Fore Love Program and Tom and Kelly Hoge for choosing Cook Children’s to benefit from this gift. We are so proud of him and Tom’s playing and for our huge supporters and are grateful for their support as well.

TOM HOGE: More than anything, it’s not really about me. It just great that we can help give back to such a great place.

COLIN MORIKAWA FEATURE

COLLIN MORIKAWA: It’s kind of been some ups and some downs. I’d say this year started off where the game wasn’t where I wanted it to be. And that’s not how you want to start a season.

ANNC: Poor Collin just hasn’t made anything and he hasn’t really started on a line all day.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: It all starts with the mental side. Being in the zone is all about staying present.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: They never talked about where they thought they would be in five minutes, where they thought they'd be in an hour, or they thought they'd be, you know, even in 30 seconds.

ANNC: he's birdied three of his last four

COLLIN MORIKAWA: you can focus about being in the present, but it's really training your brain to say, okay, this is where I want to be. This is where I'm at right now. Where are you at in this current moment versus, the goals that you might put out for yourself in the future.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Emotion is a part of it, but when you're in the zone, there's no emotion. It's just focus right? When you tap into that and you're able to just really use that throughout the entire round. Sometimes we're unstoppable. The tournament doesn't start, you know, because you start playing well, you're IN the hunt. It starts on Thursday and it starts with that first shot. It's go time. You know, it's not fun and games. It's go time.

ANNC: He's back with his swing coach, Rick House. They broke up for a while and Colin told me yesterday his swing feels as good now as it did when he won the PGA Championship and The Open Championship.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: I got back with my old coach, Rick Sessinghouse. just being able to talk through things, talking the way I used to, think about things in a different way, just allowed me to free up a little bit and just not try and be as perfect. Perfection can be great, but it can also be something that digs at your soul and digs out your brain.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: In a game where there’s a lot of self-talk, and you got to be able to just allow yourself to just take a step behind and look at it from a bigger lens and say, okay, this is where I'm at. This is where I want to be. What are the right pathways to get there? And really dissect that and say, okay, this is what I'm going to do to get there.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: I want to be perfect and I want to hit those perfect golf shots. But at the same time, you got to understand and just allow yourself to just embrace what you have.

 ANNC: thing that helps Collin is that he just has such a reliable ball flight. he can move it left to right as good as anybody.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: certain weeks, You come in with that self-belief and you're able to use that and just kind of propellant all the way through. And by the time you get to Sunday, it's just, whether you pull off those shots or not and make those putts.

ANNC: What a special Sunday for Morikawa.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: there comes a point where you can't just force it and it just has to happen, and it just has to be that week. You got to get the right breaks. I mean, every win that I've had, every great tournament that I've had, there's always good breaks.

ANNC: Morikawa for birdie! And another one! What a performance, a final round 63. Morikawa dominates at the ZOZO Championship!

COLLIN MORIKAWA: It’s another big event that I want to go out and win another great field. A lot of good golf, hopefully in the near future.

 TV TIMES

**MORIKAWA LOOKS TO DEFEND HIS ZOZO CHAMPSIONSHIP TITLE FROM 2023 AS PLAY GETS UNDERWAY FROM JAPAN**

ZOZO LOOKAHEAD

ANNC: From the heart of Tokyo, it’s approximately 25 miles up to the northeast where we land at Accordia Golf Narashino Country Club.

ANNC: Bustling metropolis of a golf crazy nation.

ANNC: Tiger Woods, 82 PGA TOUR Victories. The most of all-time...

TIGER WOODS: To tie the record outside the United States is pretty cool.

WHERE THE GAMES BEST MAKE THEIR MARK.

ANNC: Cantlay the winner, wow!

ANNC: You can see the emotion there for Keegan, this means a lot to him.

KEEGAN BRADLEY: I’m so proud to win this tournament.

AND A NATIVE SON FRAMED ONE OF HIS GREATEST WORKS.

ANNC: Matsuyama making 2021 a year to remember!

NOW A NEW ERA WIPES THE CANVAS CLEAN...

COLLIN MORIKAWA: I felt the love, the fans have been incredible...

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Winning means the world.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: It’s a testament to the fields that are coming over here to Japan to play. Good golf courses usually breed good winners.

ANNC: Since its debut back in 2019 The ZOZO Championship, the only PGA TOUR event here in Japan, featuring some of the biggest names on the PGA TOUR. Along with stars on the Japan Golf Tour.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Probably my favorite country in the entire world that I’ve been to, I truly love being out here the fans are great.