**24CUTRSM INTERNATIONAL MASTER SCRIPT**

**Cold Open**

ANNC: Important stretch of golf for a lot of guys in the fall. Eight FedExCup Fall events, battling to secure their PGA TOUR card for next year inside the top 125.

ANNC: The pressure is really ratcheted up in the fall not many chances left.

ANNC: The game giveth and it taketh away.

ANNC: A life-changing week for Rafa Campos in Bermuda.

Rafael Campos: I just can't believe this is actually happening to me after such a year.

ANNC: The golden hour of the PGA TOUR season, as the sun begins to set on those looking to claim a position in the Top 125 here at the RSM Classic.

**The CUT Titles**

**VO: WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT.**

**Cast: Talking Fall, winners who solidified status**

CELIA PALERMO: Just like that, the fall season is already over. We've seen the full gamut of winners this FedExCup fall season, from wiley veterans like Patton Kizzire in Napa, Cameron, to fresh faces right off the Korn Ferry Tour at the Black Desert Championship in Utah. And you were there to witness it.

CAMERON MORFIT: Yeah. It was a fun fall, for sure, and it was Patton Kizzire kicked it off with a crazy win where he did all this unconventional stuff with his caddie. And then you mentioned Matt McCarty. My gosh, he is just on such a roll right now. And got three Korn Ferry Tour wins, immediately gets another one at the Black Desert Championship. Super exciting player. I actually looked for Matt McCarty to do, do pretty well on the PGA Tour.

CELIA PALERMO: Another player playing well as of late is Nico Echavarria, winning the ZOZO Championship.

PAUL HODOWANIC: Yeah, another breakthrough win for him. Had won a couple years ago. Now kind of gets this second pivotal victory that puts him in a different echelon of player. Another guy that I put on that list, Kevin Yu, won the Sanderson Farms Championship, beating Beau Hossler in a playoff. Really, really big win to get that first one, know that you can do it. So those are two guys, you see people coming from outside the top 125, to keep their card. But these guys kind of had it already locked up, but now just enter 2025 with so much more confidence because of what they were able to do.

**Fall Winners Feature**

ANNC: We're in Napa, California as we're kicking off the FedExCup Fall.

PATTON KIZZIRE: 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.

ANNC: And Kevin Yu becomes the third player from Chinese Taipei to win on the PGA TOUR.

KEVIN YU: I think it means a lot just show them that we can do it, we can do it by working really hard, have a clear mindset and dream big and we can do it.

ANNC: Dreams come true right there. What a massive day for Kevin Yu.

ANNC: Meet the newest PGA TOUR winner Matt McCarty.

MATT MCCARTY: I don't think younger me would believe it. I'm really lucky to be able to do this. I'm just having fun with it, so it's great.

ANNC: His big breakout in 2024 is always going to be a year to remember for Matt McCarty.

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

ANNC: Echavarria, he's your 2024 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP winner.

NICO ECHAVARRIA: It's very surreal. This moment is very special. To finish the year this way is, it's incredible, especially doing it here in Japan it's such an amazing country.

AUSTIN ECKROAT: I think that second win solidifies that you can win on the PGA TOUR. You can't just say it was lucky this time.

ANNC: 25-year-old two-time winner on the PGA TOUR and in 2024! Austin Eckroat finishes up after a brilliant 63.

ANNC: A life-changing week for Rafa Campos here in Bermuda. A father on Monday, a PGA TOUR winner come Sunday, he wins the Butterfield Bermuda Championship.

RAFAEL CAMPOS: It's been an unbelievable week, best week of my life. I'm just grateful to be able to call myself a PGA TOUR champion. It's something I've dreamt about all my life.

ANNC: In his 142nd PGA TOUR start, Maverick McNealy is finally a winner.

MAVERICK MCNEALY: I'm shaking right now. My family is here, my whole team's watching, I'm just so happy I got one for them.

**FEC Standings**

**VO: WITH THE FEDEXCUP FALL COMPLETE, PLAYERS RANKED 51ST THRU 60TH EARNED THEIR WAY INTO THE FIRST TWO SIGNATURE EVENTS IN 2025.**

**Bump**

WESLEY BRYAN: Where I'm sitting on the list, FedExCup points are huge. Hopefully we can make a little run and hopefully get in that top 125 number by the end of the fall and have a little more freedom setting my schedule this upcoming year.

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**The CUT Rejoin**

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**Cast: Big names on bubble**

CELIA PALERMO: We've talked about the winners. The other side of the FedExCup Fall is the guys fighting to maintain those full playing privileges for 2025. Think about guys like Wesley Bryan and Joel Dahmenn. Joel started the FedExCup Fall hovering around that 125 number. Meanwhile, Wesley Bryan, he was on the outside looking in.

CAMERON MORFIT: Yeah, and that 125 race is just as compelling really. You've got guys playing for their livelihoods, trying to get into the lifeboats before it all is too late, right? So Wesley Bryan is a guy who has won on the PGA TOUR before. He stacked up a succession of good finishes, and he slowly started to kind of get closer to that 125 number.

PAUL HODOWANIC: Yeah, and for as self deprecating as Joel Dahmen can be, I think we forget the fact that he has kept his card consistently for the past six seasons. Never really been in this position where he's coming down the stretch trying to keep his card, and that's where Joel Dahmen has put himself this year, just hasn't had the top results.

**Bubble Feature**

ANNC: It's the start of the FedExCup Fall. Players outside of say the Top 70, they're really grinding. And of course the stress to be among the Top 125, retain your PGA TOUR Card.

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**VO: SEARCHING FOR CONSISTENCY, JOEL DAHMEN BEGAN THE FALL MAKING THE CUT IN FOUR OF HIS FIRST SIX EVENTS.**

ANNC: And that is perfection. Lets him in and hoops it for the eagle! How good is that from Joel Dahmen.

JOEL DAHMEN: I've obviously struggled this year and most of last as well but I'm still good at golf and it's right there.

**VO: WESLEY BRYAN, MEANWHILE, SHOT UP THE STANDINGS WITH A STRETCH OF IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCES.**

WESLEY BRYAN: I'm not keeping track but that's five cuts in a row. Kind of have that Top 125 number in my mind a little bit. A couple good scores on the weekend could vault us up the leaderboard.

ANNC: 10-under 61 ties the course record at the Butterfield Bermuda Championship. What a round by Wesley Bryan. Coming into the week outside the Top 125, he is doing exactly what he needed to do.

**VO: BRYAN'S TOP 20 FINISH IN BERMUDA MOVED HIM TO NUMBER 125 HEADING INTO THE FALL'S FINAL EVENT AT THE RSM CLASSIC, WHILE JOEL DAHMEN SAT ONE SPOT AHEAD AT 124.**

ANNC: For many of the players in the field, today's 18 holes may be the most important of their careers.

ANNC: Now Wesley Bryan. It's a little right, needs a break. Oh that was timber. That could be the end of his season right there.

**VO: AFTER STARTING THE DAY IN A SAFE POSITION, A FRIDAY 73 DROPPED BRYAN BELOW THE CUTLINE, AND OUTSIDE THE TOP 125. MEANWHILE, DAHMEN'S FATE HUNG IN THE BALANCE ON THE 18TH GREEN.**

ANNC: The biggest putt Joel Dahmen has ever had to putt in his entire career. This gets him into the weekend, and the fist pump to go! Well done Joel Dahmen.

JOEL DAHMEN: Knowing that's all on the line for the year was tough. Not having your best stuff, you're still kind of hanging around, and to be able to grind it out today was really great.

**VO: DAHMEN ENTERED SUNDAY'S FINAL ROUND AT NUMBER 128, NEEDING A STRONG FINISH TO SECURE FULL PGA TOUR STATUS. HE RESPONDED WITH FOUR BIRDIES AND AN EAGLE, BUT AGAIN FACED A MAKE-OR-BREAK PUTT AT THE LAST.**

ANNC: A par putt on his last hole of the season. And he gets that one to go. A pressure-packed par save. What a round from Joel. It's impossible to express something like that is to a player like Joel Dahmen.

JOEL DAHMEN: I'm just thankful for the opportunity to have another full card out here is really special. It came down to the last putt this week. I was thankful for the opportunity today, but I don't want to go through this ever again.

**Birdies Fore Love**

**VO: LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE BIRDIES FORE LOVE MONTHLY WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER.**

ANNC: Eckroat at 17. Come on now, it's getting ridiculous. Just putting on an absolute clinic.

**VO: WITH 30 BIRDIES OR BETTER AT THE WORLD WIDE TECHONOLOGY CHAMPIONSHIP, BIRDIES FORE LOVE AWARDED AUSTIN ECKROAT $50,000 TO THE CHARITY OF HIS CHOICE.**

AUSTIN ECKROAT: For RSM to do that, that's something that they don't have to do. That's really something special. Sally and I are going to have fun deciding where we're going to donate some money.

**VO: AT THE BUTTERFIELD BERMUDA CHAMPIONSHIP, IT WAS RYAN MOORE WHO CLAIMED THE BIRDIES FORE LOVE TOP SPOT WITH 24 BIRDIES OR BETTER.**

ANNC: Moore from deep, why wouldn't he?

**VO: AND IN THE FALL FINALE, NICO ECHAVARRIA SECURED THE $50,000 DONATION AT THE RSM CLASSIC.**

**VO: IN THE OVERALL BIRDIES FORE LOVE COMPETITION, DOUG GHIM RECEIVED $300,000 FOR THE CHARITY OF HIS CHOICE THANKS TO 154 BIRDIES OR BETTER DURING THE FEDEXCUP FALL.**

DOUG GHIM: Having something like this is a good reminder that there's other things more important than just winning golf tournaments. Probably gets you in a better position to realize how grateful we should be for being able to do what we do.

**Inbump: Rookies on other rookies**

NATS: Besides yourself, who do you think will be the most successful of this Korn Ferry Tour class?

JOHN PAK: I think Frankie Capan is going to have a lot of success.

STEVEN FISK: I like Frankie Capan's game. I think he plays golf in a way that's successful at the highest level.

ANNC: Frankie Capan picking up a victory for the first time, as he cruises to the PGA TOUR in style.

THOMAS ROSENMULLER: I say Aldrich. His ability to hit the ball that far and also at a young age.

ANNC: That is an excellent shot. Are you kidding? He is showing the power that he has.

TAYLOR DICKSON: Matt McCarty's doing a pretty good job.

RICKY CASTILLO: Matt McCarty after what he's been doing so far.

ANNC: For his third victory this season. Matt McCarty, the 26-year-old, headed to the PGA TOUR.

RICKY CASTILLO: The way he goes about on the golf course and stuff is what really separates him. And that's why he's been so successful already on the PGA Tour.

**Cast: Upcoming Rookies**

CELIA PALERMO: A couple of weeks ago, all of the Korn Ferry Tour graduates who got their PGA TOUR cards earlier this fall, they all stopped by PGA TOUR Studios for the first time, getting a little taste of PGA TOUR life. I had the opportunity to sit down with them, and one of the things we talked about, I asked them, who do you think, besides yourself, is going to have success on the PGA TOUR? And there were some interesting answers. Who do you think is going to have success on the PGA TOUR Cameron?

CAMERON MORFIT: Yeah, Thomas Rosenmueller gave his vote of confidence to Aldrich Potgeiter, who is a great young player. And the emphasis is on young. He's 20 years old. He was only 19 when he won on the Korn Ferry Tour this year, one of the youngest winners ever on that Tour.

CELIA PALERMO: I'm looking forward to seeing Frankie Capan. Six top 10s on the Korn Ferry Tour last season, finished third in the points, and that included a win as well in the second to last event of the season. He's going to take the PGA TOUR by storm and hit the ground running. I'm excited to see what's to come for Frankie Capan's PGA TOUR career.

PAUL HODOWANIC: And neither of you even mentioned the Korn Ferry Tour Rookie of the Year, that's Karl Vilips. He only played 10 events, but that was enough for him to get his card, which I think is pretty impressive. Joined midway through the season, through the PGA TOUR University ranking. Eight months ago, this kid was playing at Stanford. Now he's headed to the PGA TOUR.

**Karl Vilips Feature**

PAUL VILIPS: I got one of those little plastic sets, and he just started off with one of those at the age of two, whether it was soccer ball or hitting a tennis ball. He had amazing hand eye coordination.

KARL VILIPS: When I was three, and I loved all the golf players. And then I got better and better and better when I keep watching the golf.

KARL VILIPS: The interview there. I mean, I remember that interview like it's night and day. I mean, like, just the thoughts that I was going through there, like, Oh, I love golf, just because everyone else seemed really good at it.

PAUL VILIPS: The head professionals at clubs would come up to me and say, Don't you realize the ridiculously small odds of your son making it? And my usual reply would be, so what you're saying then is that there is a chance. If there's a small chance, why can't he be the kid that makes it?

CONRAD RAY: He had a lot of expectation coming into the college game that he was going to win everything. He's the number one recruit in the country. He's been kind of the number one in the class over a period of time.

MICHAEL THORBJORNSEN: He was the best junior golfer in the world, one of my closest friends, and I felt like that was really cool, being able to go to college with him.

KARL VILIPS: We've been pushing each other for over a decade now, and to see that continue through junior golf and then especially college golf, and we also both wanted to be in the position that we're in right now.

ANNC: Monday qualified for the Ascendant, top 25'd his way, finished second at the NV5.

The next big thing in golf has arrived, Karl Vilips, 22 years old, a winner in just his fourth start on the Korn Ferry Tour.

ANNC: Here with Karl Vilips, I want to be the first to congratulate you on television that you are going to the PGA TOUR. Congratulations. Thank you.

ALEX BALDWIN: Karl, on behalf of the Korn Ferry Tour, I would like to congratulate you on being the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Rookie of the Year.

KARL VILIPS: Oh my God.

PAUL VILIPS: Son ,congratulations. Korn Ferry Tour Rookie of the Year, and PGA TOUR. What a great, great time. I mean, who would have thunk back in June you'd be where you are now? Mate, congratulations. You've worked hard for it. You've got it, albeit a bit earlier than we expected. But hell, who's going to complain about that, right? And have a good time. Enjoy it. These will be the best years of your lives.

KARL VILIPS: I think I lost it when my dad showed up. I was just thinking about everything that I've been through, and that's really cool that my dad showed up. I didn't expect it. Oh my god, what is going on?

MICHAEL THORBJORNSEN: Hey, man, congratulations, Rookie of the Year for the Korn Ferry Tour, man. It's really cool to watch.

KARL VILIPS: I think I'm on a really good path. I've got a great group of people around me, on my team and outside of golf, to be the best person I can be and think about things the right way. I think I could be teed up for a lot of success out there.

**Servpro - Rapid Recovery**

**VO: THE CUT PRESENTS RAPID RECOVERY.**

ANNC: Joel Dahmen at the 11th. Fore right! Boy this is getting hit by the wind, heading for that bunker short right. That could be a problem.

ANNC: And he does have a long way to fly the golf ball, some 30 yards. Oh this is really nice.

ANNC: Right now, Dahmen's outside the cut. First call of business right now is to make this putt for par. Oh yes. How big is that up and down? I'm hoping that we're talking plenty at the end of the day about that putt right there.

**Cast: Season Reflections**

CELIA PALERMO: From THE PLAYERS to the playoffs, it's been a great 2024 with you guys and our teammate Sean Martin as well. It's hard to believe, but this is our final episode of PGA TOUR The CUT for the 2024 season. What are your final thoughts for the year?

PAUL HODOWANIC: Scottie is obviously a story, but as we look down the list, I think Nick Dunlap is going to stand the test of time. That win, becoming the first amateur in three decades to win, I think that's a big deal moving forward. And then Xander Schauffele, winning twice, winning two majors in fact. As we look back at what did 2024 signal for us, I think the year that Xander really broke through, I think that's going to be one of the biggest stories.

CAMERON MORFIT: Yeah, absolutely special season from Xander. I'm going to go with the obvious answer, Scottie Scheffler. I mean, he was everywhere this season. He won eight times, which is very unusual. And I think we're going to look back and say this was one for the ages.

**Scottie Scheffler Feature**

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I always try to go back to my preparation. Being prepared is kind of what I pride myself on. When I step on the first tee, I remind myself that I'd done everything I could to play well.

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler punctuates his 2024 with a FedExCup title.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: If things aren't going my way, I try to stick to my process and continue to, to try to execute shots and not overthink things and go out there and just do the best I can each time.

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler is the king of Bay Hill again.

ANNC: Yes! Scottie Scheffler is winner at the Memorial.

JUSTIN THOMAS: His golf game...it's just very right in front of you, fairway green, give himself a lot of birdie opportunities and just doesn't make many mistakes. If he makes a mistake, he's proven that he's likely to not make many more.

ANNC: You just gotta put it behind you. Scheffler is the best in the business at that kind of stuff. He'll miss one but by the time he's ready to hit his next shot, he's ready to go.

JUSTIN THOMAS: There is no part of his game that's bad. And there's a lot of parts of it that are great. And then if you add that with a great mentality and attitude while he's out there, you have no reason to get frustrated because I think he's proven that he's just going to kind of overcome it.

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler is the 50th PLAYERS Champion.

NATS: Let's go baby. Come on!

ANNC: And the first to go back-to-back.

SAHITH THEEGALA: He's probably got the best distance control in golf seen in a long time. And that's saying a lot with the amount of ball strikers that we have out on TOUR.

ANNC: He just does every facet of the game well.

**VO: ON PAPER, SCHEFFLER'S DOMINATION WAS EVIDENT, LEADING THE PGA TOUR IN MORE THAN 40 MAJOR STATISTICAL CATEGORIES. AND HIS GREATNESS EXTENDED BEYOND THE TOUR, AS HE WON HIS FIRST OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL FOR THE UNITED STATES IN PARIS. HE THEN RETURNED WITH HIS SIGHTS SET ON ANOTHER CAREER MILESTONE: WINNING HIS FIRST FEDEXCUP.**

ANNC: One of the all-time seasons for Scottie Scheffler. Takes it all.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I've been the Player of the Year for the TOUR the last two years and I haven't left with this trophy. This year I did a good job of just staying in it mentally and keeping my head down and just had a really good week and was able to finish it off the right way.

ANNC: When you put it all together, back-to-back PLAYERS champion, to win a major, the Olympic gold medal, and to win the FedExCup title, it is a season that just may never be duplicated.

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