COLD OPEN TIGER WOODS

TONY FINAU SOT: A 2000 season for Tiger will go down as best ever,

MAX HOMA SOT: It’s a dumb, dumb season.

ANNC: Oh no, you can't do that.

MAVERICK MCNEALY SOT: It was almost like a team sport. One against 155 so every tournament, is anyone gonna be able to beat Tiger this week? That was pretty fun and impressive.

ANNC: What do you think about that?

**This season marks the 25th anniversary of Tiger Woods’ magical 2000 season. Welcome to PGA TOUR, The Cut presented by ServPro.**

KEEGAN BRADLEY SOT: I just remember watching tiger in those times in my life, and just like it really impacting me as a golfer, he just made me love the game. Made me so excited to get to watch him play and really helped me love this game even more.

ANNC: An eagle finish. I'll tell you. I've seen it all today. This is unbelievable. Again. Tiger Woods prevails.

MAX HOMA SOT: Nine, I turned 10. I don't know if I was allowed to swear then, but WTF was up there right. I knew how crazy it was. I just remember watching it. If he was near the lead, you knew he won. I remember watching pebble like that was just outrageous.

ANNC: Go in. Oh.

TONY FINAU SOT: A season like that, one, three major championships, and I think it's something like 10 or 11 worldwide wins.

ANNC: First time in the history of the game, probably where someone has been better than everybody at everything.

TONY FINAU SOT: 2000 I would have been 11. Yeah. Tiger Woods drew me to just loving the game of golf. I saw this guy that everybody was just in awe of, and it ended up being a cool thing for me, where I put myself in his shoes. For some reason I felt like, Man, I think that could be me someday. I didn't probably have any right to think that, but I was inspired that I should play golf and give it a shot, and I want to be that guy.

ANNC: It is in. That was incredible.

KEEGAN BRADLEY SOT: I always felt like he worked really hard. And I just love that the best player in the world felt like he needed to keep working.

ANNC: He does everything he supposed to do to separate himself.

TONY FINAU SOT: All of us want to train like him. All of us want to be like him. We want to play like him. We want to have swag like him, you know, someone, and we all do it in our own way, but we're I think so many of us are inspired by Tiger, and I'm just one of them.

MAVERICK MCNEALY SOT: What really stood out to me was that there's no magic potion or secret sauce. He just did everything better than everybody else, and more intentionally, and he totally understood why he was doing everything he did.

JUSTIN THOMAS SOT: Michael Jordan was Michael Jordan because he was Michael Jordan, like he can't sit there and tell you how to have this killer instinct and this mentality. And I would say Tiger is the same way. He's just one of those freaking natures in the world.

TONY FINAU SOT: There's not a lot of guys, I feel like, where you just start running out of adjectives to describe their performance. It's really unworldly and Tiger was in that realm there in 2000 I don't think we'll see anything like him ever again.

ANNC: Tiger Woods his ninth victory of the year. Pretty special stuff.

**While tournament host, Tiger Woods wasn’t in the Genesis Invitational field this year, the signature event was relocated from its home at the Riviera Country Club in Pacific, (PALA-SADES)Palisades, California to the south course at Torre pines in San Diego due to the recent wildfires in Los Angeles.**

GENESIS FIRES /TORREY PINES

MAX HOMA SOT: It was the first time I felt like a deep connection to one of these natural disasters, other than just, you know, being a human and having a heart. I'm very, very proud to be from Los Angeles, and I am looking forward to being a part of and continuing to watch the city rebuild and everyone come together.

**In response to the recent wildfire devastation. Genesis, TGR live and the PGA TOUR launched the California rises initiative to drive relief and recovery efforts for affected communities.**

COLIN MORIKAWA SOT: How diverse LA is and how big it is. You never really think of LA as a full one community, but I think that's what you've seen out of this, right? And that's what amazes me, and that's what makes me proud to be Angelino. You see that and you're like, wow. Like, that's true community.

MAX HOMA SOT: That's the beauty of, in a way, of some of these awful things that happen, is you get to see the massive hearts and these inspiring stories of people will go out of their way to help a person they've never met in their life. I find that to be some kind of glimmer of sunshine in some pretty awful times. So, I look forward to watching my city do that, and I know that they will do a great job.

FIREFIGHTER PRO-AM FEATURE

TOM HOGE: Tom Hoge. Good to meet you, Eric.

**WEDNESDAY BEFORE THE GENESIS INVITATIONAL, MORE THAN A DOZEN CURRENT AND RETIRED CALIFORNIA FIREFIGHTERS TEED OFF WITH PGA TOUR PROS IN THE PRO-AM.**

STARTER: Next on the tee, please welcome, Eric Rowley!

Next on the tee, please welcome, Mike Lopez!

**EACH OF THE FIREFIGHTERS PLAYED INSTRUMENTAL ROLES IN HELPING BATTLE THE LOS ANGELES WILDFIRES AND SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY DURING THE TRYING TIME.**

ERIC ROWLEY: Earlier this week got a call, said hey we need you down in San Diego on Wednesday and I put two and two together what was going on.

We’re out here with the California Fire Foundation. We’re the advocates for the California Professional Firefighters across the state. This group gave us a great opportunity to play golf. A bunch of us we are all golfers, and we love it.

My role during the wildfires, when they first broke out, we actually had a lot of wind damage in Burbank, so we were managing all those calls. The morning of we sent crews out to the Eaton fire and eventually they ended up part of the Palisades fire and it was pretty chaotic for sure. Seeing neighborhoods burn down. The wind was so strong we had another fire break out in northern LA.

TOM HOGE: Good day out there with some of the firefighters from across the state of California. Get to hear a few of their stories or what they were battling here in the last few weeks, and you know, see some pictures and some of the devastation. It’s just kind of hard to put into words really.

ERIC ROWLEY: It’s been an incredible experience. I’ve played different levels of golf throughout my life, so this has been pretty awesome to be in the ropes like this at this level playing with Tom.

TOM HOGE: I wish the weather would have been a little bit better for them today, but it was great that they could come out and kind of share this and get a little bit of relief, so to speak.

CHIPPIN IN FEATURE

JIMMY DARTS SOT: Is this one of the harder courses to play or easier?

MAX HOMA SOT: This one's definitely on the harder scale.

JIMMY DARTS SOT: This is a three-man scramble. We want to welcome our guest, Max Homa today.

MAX HOMA SOT: Thank you.

JIMMY DARTS SOT: And I'm here with Jason Kennedy. I don't need to introduce him. We're gonna see how much money we can raise today for charity, for the California Fire Foundation, FedEx has decided to chip in five thousand dollars for every par we get today.

JASON KENNEDY SOT: Okay, what about birdies?

JIMMY DARTS SOT: 10 thousand for every Birdie and 15 thousand for every Eagle

JASON KENNEDY SOT: You got that, FIVE 10, 15?

JIMMY DARTS SOT: Pressures on

JASON KENNEDY SOT: Let’s play some golf? So what's this one doing, Max?

MAX HOMA SOT: dead straight par five. Keep it just left of that bunker. We'll be good. Don't worry. We'll use mine.

JASON KENNEDY SOT: Thank you, Max.

JIMMY DARTS SOT: Oh, baby,

JASON KENNEDY SOT: that's a little right.

MAX HOMA SOT: Oh, you hit it hard.

JIMMY DART SOT: Yeah, she's a little left. Oh, oh, baby, perfect.

JASON KENNEDY SOT: Let's get in the cart, boys, I was thinking, if everybody could just say what their biggest insecurity is,

MAX HOMA SOT: The first thing that comes to mind just the forehead hat tan line, because we take our hat off every last hole and shake hands. And mine's tough. I'm quite tan where people can see me, and very, very not tan everywhere else could we see it? Yeah, of course. Oh, wow. Yeah, that is shiny, huh, night and day.

JIMMY DARTS SOT: Oh, baby, he's going at it. Let's go. That's for 10 thousand dollars. He inches. It's like a foot long away.

MAX HOMA SOT: Wow, that thing breaks.

JASON KENNEDY SOT: Okay, five thousand dollars 5k

MAX HOMA SOT: but that is just beyond disappointing.

JASON KENNEDY SOT: Okay, we got the jitters out. What do you got?

MAX HOMA SOT: Short Par four? See that bunker, dead straight down the like the left most bunker. You see that's just left of the green.

JIMMY DARTS SOT: Oh, baby. Pure.

MAX HOMA SOT: Stay right. Stay right.

JASON KENNEDY SOT: That's unbelievable.

MAX HOMA SOT: Depending on the pin. That might not be awful.

JIMMY DARTS SOT: When I go out to eat, I get made fun of for orderings chocolate milk.

MAX HOMA SOT: You order chocolate milk at dinner

JIMMY DART SOT: every time.

MAX HOMA SOT: What we could do on one of these holes is one of us hits the fairway.

JASON KENNEDY SOT: I'd like that

MAX HOMA SOT: could be its own challenge.

JIMMY DARTS SOT: Oh, that's good.

MAX HOMA SOT: Sit.

JIMMY DARTS SOT: We're back down there.

JASON KENNEDY SOT: We should be good.

JIMMY DARTS SOT: Oh, yeah.

JASON KENNEDY SOT: All right, we're putting, right,

MAX HOMA SOT: yeah, it looks like we're putting.

JIMMY DARTS SOT: Is there any chance I make this?

JASON KENNEDY SOT: Yeah,

MAX HOMA SOT: let's go Jim.

JIMMY DARTS SOT: All right.

MAX HOMA SOT: I've seen the movie miracle.

JIMMY DARTS SOT: Oh, oh.

MAX HOMA SOT: Really good putt.

JASON KENNEDY SOT: We're in for five thousand

MAX HOMA SOT: that was a really good putt.

JASON KENNEDY SOT: We're in for five okay, in the bank, we got 10k.

JIMMY DARTS SOT: Is there anyone on tour that you feel like is a child figure to you, and then someone that's a father figure?

MAX HOMA SOT: Colin Morikawa, I would call kind of like my little son. Yeah, father figure.

JASON KENNEDY SOT: Oh, he's here.

MAX HOMA SOT: He finally got out of the car seat. We need help, Brother,

COLIN MORIKAWA SOT: I did. I'll be honest. I just watched that shot. I can't believe you put him there.

MAX HOMA SOT: Why do you have a blindfold? You're freaking me out. Colin. We need to make a birdie.

COLOIN MORIKAWA SOT: No, these happen to just pop up out of my pocket randomly. And I think we're just gonna play the whole blindfold.

JIMMY DARTS SOT: If we get a par OR better, FedEx is gonna donate $35,000 on top of what we've already raised, and Genesis is gonna throw in that car right there. So we're gonna give it to a family. If we can come together as a family.

COLIN MORIKAWA SOT: You're a little on the heel. Is that fine?

MAX HOMA SOT: Why am I also closing my eyes?

JASON KENNEDY SOT: Keep them open.

COLIN MORIKAWA SOT: Hey, that's center.

MAX HOMA SOT: That could not have been good. That's one of the most unsettling feelings ever. you can do this, dude.

JASON KENNEDY SOT: Yeah, get lined up.

MAX HOMA SOT: You're still good.

JIMMY DARTS SOT: Oh, baby,

MAX HOMA SOT: that was sick

JASON KENNEDY SOT: Oh my gosh.

MAX HOMA SOT: I knew he was gonna be good at that. Oh, it might be in the right rough, but it's like very far deep, you centered.

JASON KENNEDY SOT: Wait, how did you know I felt like you just knew? Yeah, I knew he was gonna be good

COLIN MORIKAWA SOT: I might close my eyes in the real swings, guys.

MAX HOMA SOT: Oh my gosh, we have the bunker shot blindfolded. Yeah? That’s on the green. I've never seen you draw before until you close your turn your eyes off.

COLIN MORIKAWA SOT: Move your putter a little towards you. You're a little on the heel, barely right there. Good for 35 thousand dollars and a car. Straight, straight, straight. Stay

MAX HOMA SOT: Come on. Collin,

COLIN MORIKAWA SOT: that felt thin.

MAX HOMA SOT: It was a little healy, you almost made it. Gosh, that was really close. We're not giving you any help on this.

JIMMY DARTS SOT: Alright, am I lined up?

JASON KENNEDY SOT: for 35 thousand dollars and a car.

JIMMY DARTS SOT: Let's go.

JASON KENNEDY SOT: You did it well.

JIMMY DARTS SOT: Well thank you guys, so much, man, for helping us raise some funds. We were able to raise, with that last hole, $50,000 to California Fire Foundation, and we're going to actually be able to give away this car now, this Genesis, they actually have a family here that they brought out to the weekend to just have a good time at the golf tournament. And they don't know they're winning anything. You really surprised?

MAX HOMA SOT: I'm so excited.

JASON KENNEDY SOT: Let's meet them. How are you all? I'm Jason Kennedy, how you doing? What's your name, Mia, how sweet? Are you? Nice to meet you. I'm Jason. I was driving down here from Los Angeles, and I was reading about your story, and I was in near tears just about what has happened to you, what's happened to your community, and I can only imagine the feelings now that you've had a couple of weeks to process it. Where are you guys at with it?

CARLA CRUZ SOT: I feel like she's been taking it the hardest, because she knows if it wasn't for smoke detectors, her and my parents wouldn't be here right now. The smoke detectors woke them up, and she was traumatized because she thought she was going to burn in the house because she went back to get her dog, and we were literally jumping from hotels to Airbnbs and just going back and forth. It's been really, really hard.

JIMMY DARTS SOT: We were out here today golfing with Collin and Max, and we were able to raise some money for different people that were affected by the fires. And so we just wanted to let you know that, yeah, we want to donate $10,000 to y'all to help you out with as much as we can. we actually want to give you this brand new car, so this is yours as well.

JASON KENNEDY SOT: Our friends at Genesis said it was so important we're doing hogs. Let's go. They knew how important this was and we want to thank them and bless you guys with a new car,

MAX HOMA SOT: you can kind of start to understand the impact and the devastation of it a little bit more when it is something that's closer to where you're from. But it's been really cool to see the community in general coming together to make the best of a really bad situation.

COLIN MORIKAWA SOT: It's awful to see what families have gone through, what people have gone through, and what has happened to their families friends, but LA is strong. All the communities have come together. People have helped their neighbors. People have helped strangers that they don't know about. People have helped all reaches a life around them. And I think that what la represents, that's what LA is always going to represent.

GENESIS WINNER

ANNC: Torrey Pines the famed south course gonna make a little more history today. One of the players making a move is Aberg. This could tie the lead, Ludvig up the hill, oh my goodness.

**COMING DOWN THE STRETCH, JUST ONE STROKE OFF THE LEADER, LUDVIG ABERG HEATS UP CARDING THREE CONSECUTIVE BIRDIES WITH JUST THREE HOLES REMAINING**

ANNC: this is going to have a lot riding on it

LUDVIG ABERG SOT: I felt like I was sort of in control of what I was doing. I was in control of my ball flight. It's a nice feeling knowing that I didn't get ahead of myself.

**STILL TIED WITH MAVERICK MCNEALY-- IT WOULD COME DOWN TO THE PAR 5 18 AS HE WOULD REACH THE GREEN IN TWO**

ANNC: 68 feet to negotiate down in two and he’ll win this golf tournament. it is no gimmie two putt. where’s the turn

ANNC: there’s six feet nine inches separating Ludvig from a tie for first to victory. oh yes Ludvig Aberg takes tiger’s tournament

LUDVIG ABERG SOT: It is hard winning on the PGA TOUR, they're the best players in the world. Anytime you have the opportunity to win it's a cool feeling. Today I executed the shots, I made a couple putts and that was the difference.

**ABERG JUMPS 21 SPOTS AS THE NEW LEADER OF THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10 THANKS IN LARGE PART TO HIS CONSISTENT AND RELIABLE PLAY**

ANNC: future super star right there

**WITH HIS WIN, ABERG IS NOT ONLY THE SIXTH INTERNATIONAL WINNER SO FAR ON TOUR THIS SEASON BUT TAKES THE TOP SPOT IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS**

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**THE CUT PRESENTS THE CLIMB**

ANNC: Just a block from Sunset Boulevard. A clubhouse high atop the hill, Riviera Country Club. The 94th edition of this event.

**DURING THE 2020 GENESIS INVITATIONAL, ADAM SCOTT FOUND HIMSELF IN A TIE FOR 65TH AFTER THE FIRST ROUND BEFORE THE AUSSIE STARTED A MONUMENTAL CLIMB BEGINNING ON FRIDAY.**

ANNC: He’s taking it straight at the flag. A beautiful shot here. Adam Scott getting himself right back in contention today. Played poorly yesterday, what a bounce back today.

**SCOTT CARRIED THE MOMENTUM INTO THE WEEKEND AND CONTINUED TO CLIMB THE LEADERBOARD**

ANNC: He’s looking like he’s swinging well again today. This going right at it. Whoa! Just a foot away. Adam Scott will get to 7 under par. For birdie to make it a three-way tie. Can it be a three-way tie? You bet!

**RESULTING IN SCOTT TAKING THE LEAD INTO THE FINAL ROUND, LOOKING TO CLOSE THE DEAL.**

ANNC: There you go, Adam Scott! That was a great up and down. Fantastic. Now we’re about to add Adam Scott to the history here. It’s official!

ADAM SCOTT: It's incredibly satisfying to win a tournament of this stature on a golf course of this stature. Even better to come out on top and have your game really tested today. It was not easy and that was most enjoyable to see that my game is holding up to that.

TONY FINAU FEATURE

ANNC: And it's a Finau family Fiesta in Mexico.

TONY FINAU SOT: It's crazy how this game is you never think you have a tournament won until it's over. So, it feels great, and we're gonna enjoy this one with my family. The journey was long and tough. There's no question. I turned pro in 2007, and I didn't get to the Korn ferry tour until 2014 so six, seven years of Monday qualifying and state opens, many tours and living that life, just trying to make my way in the game of golf, in the professional game, and trying to make it to the PGA TOUR.

ANNC: Talk about the female family roots. It's a big clan when Tony and his wife Elena hit the road at these tour stops with the five kids, he carries himself with so much joy and doesn't take himself too seriously. He's a big family man. Literally, he has five children. They all travel together, just a very relatable guy with his personality. I really appreciate the way he interacts with fans as well.

TONY FINAU SOT: I try to reflect throughout the season on short term goals, long term goals. Early in my career, I was so focused on winning, and I think winning is always the result you want every time you play. But I seem to be making more daily goals than anything else these days.

ANNC: Oh, yes, some kind of touch right there. Oh, that's amazing

TONY FINAU SOT: For me, a journey nobody's guaranteed tomorrow. So, try to be better today than you are yesterday. And I think you keep stacking those chips up, and good things will happen. Every win is so special in its own way. We love Vedanta. We fell in love with the people, and then I love the golf course. So, this is a very special win for me. Very special to have my family here. We felt nothing but love being here. It just makes it extremely special that I can win here, and hopefully a place that our family comes back to for many years, the energy is just unmatched. The Mexican people are just wonderful people.

**TONY FINAU WON’T BE THE ONLY PLAYER EYEING TO REPEAT AS CHAMPION AT VIDANTA WORLD, LAST YEARS WINNER JAKE KNAPP ALSO LOOKS TO DO THE SAME. YOU CAN TUNE IN STARTING THURSDAY TO WATCH IT ALL UNFOLD.**

MEXICO LOOKAHEAD

ANNC: The beach resort city of Puerto Vallarta is ready to host the Mexico open at Vedanta. The course at Vedanta is long, but there was very little rough to deal with. We should see some low scores. The stage is reserved for Jake Knapp, and it is indeed nap time in Mexico,

JAKE KNAPP SOT: it's just a very special place. It's a beautiful golf course. I'm excited to come back.