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(SEGMENT ONE)

OPEN TEASE

SPIETH: This is when it really counts.

HOMA: It's intense.

JOHNSON: Once you get into the Playoffs you can feel it. They're definitely bigger tournaments they mean more.

GARCIA: It's the pinnacle of the end of the season.

NATS: Yeah, Tony Yeah!

ANNC: Could a win be on the way for one of the game's most popular players.

ANNC: Sungjae Im, the machine as he is known.

ANNC: Oh wow! What a shot from Hovland.

ANNC: Man I love the way this guy plays the game.

ANNC: Jon Rahm! Seriously dangerous, knows he can beat anybody.

ANNC: Look at his reaction. And no one's having more fun than DeChambeau.

ANNC: A little smile fell on the face of Cantlay who knows he comes across as a stoic golfer.

SCHAUFFELE: It's the most stressful part of our season because there's so much to play for.

HORSCHER: We're all trying to get to that FEDEXCUP trophy to be able to hold up at the end of the year.

SUPER SEASON

JOHNSON: It's been a big year, it's been a lot of big tournaments.

ANNC: *You see the fans on the grounds, they are just so excited to be able to come out and watch these guys put on a show.*

THE 20-20 / 20-21 PGA TOUR SEASON WAS ONE FOR THE AGES.

ANNC: *And he's buried it. Patrick Cantlay.*

THE THREE-MONTH PAUSE IN THE 20-19 / 20-20 SEASON CAUSED BY THE PANDEMIC PUSHED SOME TOURNAMENTS INTO THE NEW SEASON. FIFTY EVENTS – SIX OF THEM MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS – WERE HOSTED THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND BEYOND ...

ANNC: *Right into the shadow and right into the hole!*

... MAKING IT THE MOST EVENTS STAGED BY THE PGA TOUR SINCE 1975.

ANNC: *A win it is for Viktor Hovland.*

MCILROY: There are so many great events and so many opportunities.

ANNC: *The roars have returned in golf.*

GARCIA: The first couple of events are super important for us. You know that everyone has been playing very, very hard to get there so it's always a great achievement to be a part of that.

TNT OPENING RDS PT1

ANNC: *Less than a mile from Lady Liberty, what a setting here at Liberty National.*

UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYE OF LADY LIBERTY, WORLD NUMBER ONE JON RAHM, GOES TO WORK.

ANNC: *Oh my gosh what a shot!*

RAHM: Well, I guess that was good. I'll take that!

THE SPANIARD'S BOGEY-FREE, 8-UNDER 63 VAULTS HIM INTO A TIE FOR FIRST ON DAY ONE.

RAHM: I felt like I played great. If it ever looked easy, it's again, due to ball striking. I kept putting it in the fairway. From the fairway, you can be aggressive.

RAHM POSTS ANOTHER CLEAN SCORECARD ON DAY TWO AND HEADS TO THE WEEKEND WITH A ONE-STROKE ADVANTAGE.

PULLING FROM HIS 2013 VICTORY AT LIBERTY NATIONAL, ADAM SCOTT NEEDS ANOTHER STRONG SHOWING TO CONTINUE HIS PLAYOFF RUN... AN OPENING 67 PUTS THE AUSSIE IN THE TOP 5 AT DAY'S END.

SCOTT: I've played plenty of good golf around here. Most of the holes, I feel really comfortable on. It's a course I'm very happy to come back to.

ANNC: *Garrick Higgo, the one rookie in the field this week.*

WITH A 2-UNDER 69, GARRICK HIGGO CLIMBS INTO THE TOP 15 IN THE OPENING ROUND OF HIS FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS DEBUT. AND THE YOUNG LEFTY ALREADY KNOWS A THING OR TWO ABOUT MANAGING THE PRESSURE ON GOLF'S BIGGEST STAGE.

GARRICK HIGGO FEATURE

ANNC: Young South African 22 years of age, won 2 of his last 3 starts on the European Tour. An invitation here this week by the PGA TOUR and well deserved.

ANNC: From South Africa to South Carolina, Garrick Higgo is the champion at Congaree. What a story, what a star we have on the way.

IN JUST HIS SECOND START ON THE PGA TOUR HIGGO EARNED FULL MEMBERSHIP STATUS WITH A 6-STROKE, COME-FROM-BEHIND VICTORY.

HIGGO: I couldn't have planned for a better year. To play over here is a dream come true.

ANNC: I'm sure Gary Player's watching. On no question. A huge influence for this young man.

PLAYER: Yea it's Gary. (It's Gary Player?) Garrick. (Hey Gary!) Now listen carefully my young man, I don't think I've, in my lifetime, been more excited about anybody winning a golf tournament I tell you. (Thanks so much.) I had tears in my eyes.

HIGGO: I think I met him for the first time when I was about 8 or 9. And I mean, our connection is his mom died when he was really young and my dad died literally when I met him. I think from that moment on he really kind of took me under his wing. It's definitely one of the reasons I'm here today.

WITH HIS MENTOR, AND ALL OF SOUTH AFRICA BEHIND HIM AFTER THE WIN, HIGGO ENTERED THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS IN 83RD ...EVENTUALLY EARNING A SPOT IN THE FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS.

HIGGO: I think it's going to be awesome, just from watching it as a kid, you know. And also with the points being more anything can really happen and hopefully, I can be there further down the there in Playoffs too.

TNT OPENING RDS PT2

WITH A SECOND ROUND 68, HIGGO MAKES IT TO THE WEEKEND TIED FOR 25TH...ALTHOUGH THERE'S WORK TO DO IF HE'S TO EARN A TRIP TO THE BMW CHAMPIONSHIP.

HE'S NOT THE ONLY SOUTH AFRICAN IN THE HUNT. ERIK VAN ROOYEN GETS TO THE HALFWAY POINT OF HIS FIRST FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS EVENT TIED FOR 17TH.

ENTERING THE WEEK 9TH IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS, JUSTIN THOMAS OPENS IN A TIE FOR FIRST ALONGSIDE RAHM ... AND HE MAINTAINS THAT MOMENTUM IN ROUND TWO ... WITH A 5-UNDER OUTWARD NINE...

ANNC: And it falls for eagle, Justin Thomas gets to 10-under!

... BUT HE COOLS OFF WITH FOUR BOGIES DOWN THE STRETCH...AND FINISHES THE DAY IN A TIE FOR 3RD.

WITH A 7-UNDER 64 ON DAY TWO, TONY FINAU VAULTS INTO 2ND PLACE ... AND SITS JUST ONE OFF THE LEAD.

FINAU: I played really nicely. I made some putts. Hit a lot of fairways. So I think if you do that on this golf course, you're going to have a lot of looks because of how receptive the greens are.

ANNC: Some of the bigger names not making it to the weekend, Bubba, Morikawa, Phil a 72 ... Adam Scott went the other way today, 75.

WHILE SCOTT'S FRIDAY STRUGGLES END HIS PLAYOFFS RUN ... OTHERS MOVE INTO STRIKING POSITION. XANDER SCHAUFFELE POSTS ONE OF THE LOW ROUNDS OF THE DAY CLIMBING INTO A TIE FOR 3RD WITH A 9-UNDER 62 ... WHILE SWEDEN'S ALEX NOREN BESTS HIS OPENING ROUND 69 WITH A 7-UNDER 64 ... AND HEADS TO THE WEEKEND JUST THREE OFF THE LEAD.

SATURDAY PT1

ANNC: 3rd Round of The Northern Trust and one player has the round of a lifetime going ... Cameron Smith for 59 ...

ANNC: Cam Smith with a 3rd round 60.

... THE LOW ROUND OF THE DAY PUTS THE AUSTRALIAN IN A TIE FOR FIRST.

SMITH: My driver definitely put me in that spot today for all those birdies. It's been a bit of a rough trot with the driver of late, and it was nice to see a lot of good drives today.

ANNC: Jon Rahm for birdie ... he's got another one!

JON RAHM CRUISES ON MOVING DAY WITH HIS SECOND CONSECUTIVE 67 ... MAINTAINING HIS POSITION ATOP THE LEADERBOARD ALONGSIDE SMITH HEADING INTO SUNDAY.

ANNC: Gorgeous shot by Rahm!

RAHM: All I kept thinking was there's plenty of birdie opportunities, let's get it going. Sometimes it's easy to be complacent, and I didn't want to leave it up to chance.

ABRAHAM ANCER PUTS TOGETHER A SOLID ROUND OF HIS OWN ... AND IS STEADILY WORKING HIS WAY UP THE LEADERBOARD.

ANNC: Abraham Ancer, had to grind his way to make the cut, out here early, and that is the answer!

THE 30-YEAR-OLD FROM MEXICO CONTINUES TO BUILD ON ALREADY SUCCESSFUL SEASON.

ABRAHAM ANCER FEATURE

ANNC: Abraham Ancer has his first PGA TOUR victory!

ANCER: Definitely a dream come true to win on the PGA TOUR, and to do it on a big stage like a WGC event was really, really cool man.

NATS: Viva Mexico!

ABRAHAM ANCER'S DREAM OF PLAYING ON THE PGA TOUR BEGAN IN REYNOSA, MEXICO WHEN HE WAS JUST A YOUNG BOY ... AND WITH HIS BREAKTHROUGH WIN IN MEMPHIS HE BECOMES JUST THE FOURTH MEXICAN-BORN PLAYER TO WIN ON THE PGA TOUR.

THE VICTORY CAME ON THE HEELS OF FOUR RUNNER-UP FINISHES IN HIS LAST THREE SEASONS...

ANNC: Ancer takes 2nd alone.

... THE FIRST OF WHICH HE NETTED AT THE 2019 NORTHERN TRUST AT LIBERTY NATIONAL ... A WEEK THAT WOULD CHANGE THE TRAJECTORY OF HIS CAREER.

ANNC: This is to tie the lead. What's he dreaming?

ANNC: Big day for him though don't you think, learning a lot in this situation?

ANNC: Yes – he's held himself up high, played very well and he will take more positives than negatives out of this for sure.

ANCER: This putt was extremely important for my career I would say. At that moment I had no idea how much it would mean. I knew it was significant FedExCup points, because I saw that if I didn't make it I would tie with like six people. So, I knew it was a putt for solo second and that it was a huge difference in points. I was in a position in the FedExCup Rankings where those points would guarantee my trip to the TOUR Championship. And it ended up being a lot of points for the Presidents Cup. Making that kind of putt under that pressure gave me a lot of confidence.

SATURDAY PT2

ANCER FOLLOWS UP A SATURDAY 67 WITH A FINAL ROUND 72, BUT WRAPS UP THIS TRIP TO LIBERTY NATIONAL IN A TIE FOR 64TH... AND ADVANCES TO THE BMW CHAMPIONSHIP.

ANNC: Van Rooyen now what a tremendous run of birdies he's had and he fills it up ... 9-under par today headed to the last.

WITH A DEEP PLAYOFF RUN IN THE MAKING, SOUTH AFRICAN ERIK VAN ROOYEN JUMPS 14 SPOTS INTO SOLO THIRD WITH A 9-UNDER 62 ON SATURDAY.

VAN ROOYEN: Just stoked. Hit the ball great, and then when you add a putter to it, you know, good things happen. Really, really happy.

ALEX NOREN – FIGHTING TO KEEP HIS PLAYOFFS HOPES ALIVE – DROPS OUT OF THE TOP 10 AND INTO A TIE FOR 17TH ON SATURDAY... WHILE JUSTIN THOMAS REMAINS STEADY IN THE TOP 5...AND WELL POSITIONED TO STRIKE WHEN THE FINAL ROUND TEES OFF.

ANNC: The final round will be Monday tomorrow has already been deemed unplayable and a wash out.

(SEGMENT TWO)

TNT SUNDAY

ANNC: Hurricane Henri, eventually the tropical storm moved through here, boy did we get a lot of rain.

ANNC: A day late yes, but we have made our way back out here to the shores of the Hudson across from lower Manhattan.

WHEN PLAY FINALLY TEES OFF ON MONDAY, JON RAHM IS STEADY. HE CARDS A BOGEY-FREE, 2-UNDER OPENING NINE.

ANNC: To extend that lead one more over Cam Smith and it's a birdie for Rahm, moves to 18 under, 2 ahead, birdies at the par 5s.

ANNC: So Finau, could this be the day, starts the final round two off the lead.

TONY FINAU ALSO STARTS STRONG WITH TWO EARLY BIRDIES...BUT STALLS WITH A BOGEY AT THE PAR 5, 8TH HOLE... PUTTING HIM THREE OFF THE LEAD AT THE TURN.

TEEING OFF IN THE FINAL GROUP, ERIK VAN ROOYEN CLAWS HIS WAY INTO SOLO 7TH AND EXTENDS HIS SEASON FOR ONE MORE WEEK.

VAN ROOYEN: I was kind of feeling like I was fighting right the whole day, but there's points on the line to move up you know, and at the end of the day I'm happy to be moving to BMW.

AND ALTHOUGH HIS PLAYOFF RUN ENDS AT LIBERTY NATIONAL WITH A DISAPPOINTING 2-OVER PAR 73, GARRICK HIGGO'S YEAR ISN'T OVER YET.

HIGGO: I am going to go back to Europe now and finish that season, but I am very proud of the way I played and to be out here and to have a couple more seasons here it is going to be awesome!

SHOOTING A FINAL ROUND 66, ALEX NOREN CLIMBS 14 SPOTS TO FINISH IN A TIE FOR 4TH. THE SWEDE ADVANCES TO THE BMW CHAMPIONSHIP FOR JUST THE THIRD TIME IN HIS CAREER.

FINISHING ALONGSIDE NOREN IN 4TH PLACE, JUSTIN THOMAS FIGHTS HIS WAY TO A 1-UNDER PAR 70 AND HEADS TO THE BMW CHAMPIONSHIP 5TH IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS.

ANNC: *There's two iron shots in a row that he's just flagged. This could make it interesting now all of a sudden.*

FINAU: To turn in a 30 on the back nine of a Playoff event, you know, playing, trying to chase down the best player in the world, those are all things that will go in the memory bank.

FINAU'S BACK-NINE RUN BEGINS WITH A BIRDIE AT 12...HE PICKS UP 4 MORE STROKES COMING HOME...KNOCKING RAHM OUT OF 1ST WITH TWO HOLES LEFT TO PLAY.

ANNC: *Amazing how we were praising him, how bulletproof he looked in the middle of the round and now, in trouble.*

UNABLE TO COUNTER FINAU'S HOT HAND, RAHM DROPS OUT OF CONTENTION WITH TWO BOGIES IN HIS FINAL THREE HOLES.

RAHM: I don't know, it just hurts to think about it a little bit too much. It's the second time I'm going into contention in the back nine. That's the upsetting part, you know, come up just short when I had a good chance

AS RAHM FALTERS DOWN THE STRETCH, CAMERON SMITH'S FOUR BIRDIES COMING HOME KEEP HIM IN THE TITLE CHASE.

ANNC: *He needs one in there in there close, and he's done it! That left to get to 20-under par and to tie Tony Finau! And he's done it that's what he does so well in situations like this.*

ANNC: *It's gonna be a good one, Tony Finau and Cameron Smith, THE NORTHERN TRUST, the tournament that just won't end.*

BUT ONE WAYWARD TEE SHOT BY THE AUSTRALIAN ON THE FIRST PLAYOFF HOLE...

ANNC: *Oh no, that's gone gone. Oh, it's out, that's out.*

... OPENS THE DOOR FOR FINAU TO CLINCH HIS SECOND CAREER VICTORY...AND FIRST TITLE SINCE 2016.

ANNC: *Big time talent wins in the shadows of the Big Apple.*

FINAU: It seems like I was a totally different player in 2016 than I am now. I've worked my tail off to put myself in this position again and this is extremely special, and I'm excited to be a champion again on the PGA TOUR.

FINAU MINI

ANNC: *1,975 days since his only PGA TOUR win, he's had 11 top-3's since.*

WITH THE WIN, TONY FINAU SURGES TO NUMBER ONE IN THE FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS STANDINGS...AND FOR SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN SO CLOSE FOR SO LONG...THIS VICTORY IS, MOST CERTAINLY, SWEET.

FINAU: Through that almost 2000 days of not getting the job done and a lot of close calls. I never gave up on myself and to be able to know I was gonna win that golf tournament by hitting that green in two, and have that victory walk, it's a special feeling. I believe it's gonna happen many more times to come.

AFTER AN IMPRESSIVE AMATEUR SHOWING FINAU TURNED PRO IN 2007... QUALIFYING AND MAKING THE CUT AT A PGA TOUR EVENT ALL BEFORE THE AGE OF 18!

ANNC: *He's very impressive. I mean this guy can hit it miles!*

AND AFTER WORKING HIS WAY UP THROUGH THE KORN FERRY TOUR AND EARNING A PGA TOUR CARD IN 2014, FINAU CLINCHED HIS FIRST PGA TOUR VICTORY JUST TWO YEARS LATER ...

ALTHOUGH IT'S BEEN A LONG, FIVE YEARS BETWEEN WINS ... EVERY DAY IS FILLED WITH THE LOVE AND SUPPORT OF HIS FAMILY.

FINAU: It's been quite the journey for my family, and I have a lot of supporters. A lot of my family I've sacrificed so much for me, and for us to be able to share this victory together was everything for our family.

BMW DRONE

AS THE FINAU FAMILY CELEBRATES THE WIN ... THE FEDEXCUP MOVES ON!

ANNC: The second leg of the FEDEXCUP Playoffs at the BMW Championship, Caves Valley Golf Club, just outside Baltimore for the very first time. And this is one, big ballpark, 960 acres of rolling hills, pastures, woods, Caves Valley hosting a PGA TOUR event in the Baltimore area for the first time in nearly 60 years.

BMW OPENING RDS PT1

ANNC: Jon Rahm remains as hot as the weather, 2nd in the FedExCup points standings coming in.

LEAVING HIS SHAKEY SUNDAY AT LIBERTY NATIONAL BEHIND, JON RAHM COMES OUT FIRING.

RAHM: *Had a great ball striking day and made a couple of big putts early on and had it going early and continued the mojo throughout the day.*

THE NUMBER ONE PLAYER IN THE WORLD FOLLOWS UP AN OPENING ROUND 64 WITH A 66 ON DAY TWO... AND SITS JUST TWO OFF THE LEAD.

ALSO IN THE EARLY HUNT ARE A TRIO OF AUSTRALIANS. CAMERON SMITH IS IN POSITION FOR HIS THIRD TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP APPEARANCE ...

ANNC: *The man with a mullet that just never wants to go away.*

... WHILE MATT JONES AND CAM DAVIS ARE FIGHTING TO GET TO EAST LAKE FOR THE FIRST TIME.

BATTLING FOR THOSE 30 COVETED SPOTS IS A CUTTHROAT BUSINESS, AND LEE WESTWOOD IS RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF IT. NOW 48-YEARS-OLD, HE'S HAD A RESURGANCE THIS SEASON AND IS LOOKING TO PUNCH HIS TICKET TO EAST LAKE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NINE YEARS.

LEE WESTWOOD MINI

COMING OFF A SOLO SECOND AT THE ARNOLD PALMER INVITATIONAL PRESENTED BY MASTERCARD, LEE WESTWOOD HEADED TO TPC SAWGRASS WITH HIS GAME IN TOP FORM.

HE PLAYED HIS WAY INTO THE FINAL GROUP ON SUNDAY AS THE 54-HOLE LEADER. BUT FINAL ROUNDS DON'T ALWAYS GO ACCORDING TO PLAN.

ANNC: *He pours it right in to grab solo second. And he'll wait another time for that big title that has eluded him.*

AND WHILE WESTWOOD DIDN'T HOIST THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY, HE QUALIFIED FOR THE FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS FOR THE SIXTH TIME, ADVANCING TO THE BMW CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE THIRD TIME IN HIS CAREER.

HIS SUCCESS CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO A NEW ATTITUDE AND HIS WIFE, HELEN, WHO'S CADDIED FOR HIM PERIODICALLY THROUGHOUT THE SEASON.

WESTWOOD: Part of the reason for having Helen caddy for me was to give me more responsibility for working the yardages out and pulling the clubs. Now I've taken responsibility for that myself. I have no excuses, you know, got nobody else to blame but myself, so I tend to go into it 100% committed.

ANNC: *Wow, that is sensational ... saucy!*

WESTWOOD: She brings me back down to earth when I need to be there. And we talk about random things when we're out there not just golf, so she distracts me from thinking about golf all the time.

ANNC: *And made it! What a putt! Oh! And the carefree attitude and the sheer enjoyment that these two are having, boom, another one lands!*

THE ENGLISHMAN'S PERSPECTIVE ON GOLF IS NOW GROUNDED IN THE BASICS.

WESTWOOD: I just tee the ball up on Thursday and hopefully things go well and I'm in contention at the end of the week. Just go out there and have fun and trust that I've done all the hard work away from the course.

BMW OPENING RDS PT2

EVER HOPEFUL FOR EAST LAKE ... EARLY-ROUND STRUGGLES AT THE BMW CHAMPIONSHIP DASH WESTWOOD'S CHANCES.

ANNC: *Topped it out of the rough. Entered the week at 46th, going the wrong way at 3-under.*

AUSTRALIANS CAM DAVIS AND MATT JONES ARE ALSO IN PRECARIOUS POSITIONS AFTER TWO DAYS.

ANNC: *Started the week 42nd, projected to lose 6 spots. Welcome to the Playoffs.*

BOTH CARD TOP 40 FINISHES AT CAVES VALLEY ... BUT FALL SHORT OF THE SEASON-ENDING FINALE.

OTHERS BATTLING ON THE BUBBLE ARE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION ...

ANNC: *Sungjae Im is a machine on the golf course. Just downright surgical.*

... SUNGJAE IM AND RORY MCILROY ARE BOTH WELL POSITIONED IN THE TOP 10 HEADING INTO THE WEEKEND.

ANNC: *Rory, this place sets up well for him. He's out there freewheeling it.*

MCIRLOY: I need to play well just to play next week. So, you know, another good night's sleep tonight and get up and get back out on golf course and try to do the same stuff that I did today.

ANNC: *From South Africa, finished 7th last week, moving closer and closer to that magical 30 number that he needs.*

PLAYING WELL WHEN IT COUNTS THE MOST, ERIK VAN ROOYEN ALSO FINDS HIMSELF IN THE TOP 10 AFTER TWO DAYS.

VAN ROOYEN: I know Bryson and some of those boys are flying, but I've got nothing to lose, and Atlanta will take care of itself.

ANNC: *Bryson DeChambeau has been delivering his dominating big time game with authority.*

BRYSON DECHAMBEAU SURGES TO THE TOP OF THE LEADERBOARD ...

ANNC: *And it now has a chance to come full boar here ... with a 59 ...*

NAT: Get in the hole!!

ANNC: *It was outside all the way.*

HIS IMPRESSIVE 12-UNDER 60 ON FRIDAY FEATURES TWO EAGLES AND EIGHT BIRDIES!

BUT PATRICK CANTLAY IS CHARGING AS WELL. HE SHOOTS A 9-UNDER 63 AND SITS JUST ONE STROKE BEHIND DECHAMBEAU.

CANTLAY: All in all, I played pretty well and I'm happy with my start.

A TIGHTLY PACKED LEADERBOARD SETS UP FOR A LIVELY SATURDAY SHOWDOWN AT THE BMW CHAMPIONSHIP.

(SEGMENT THREE)

BMW SATURDAY START

ANNC: *It's the third round of the BMW Championship. Record setting low scores the first couple of days, and we nearly saw a 59 from Bryson DeChambeau. So, then you're saying to yourself, well what's he going to do he can't possibly follow that up today.*

ANNC: *Bryson DeChambeau does it again! Back-to-back eagles.*

ANNC: *The 59 watch could be in full effect later on.*

BRYSON DECHAMBEAU STARTS THE 3RD ROUND 6-UNDER THROUGH THE FRONT NINE, AS THE REST OF THE FIELD TRIES TO KEEP PACE.

ANNC: Sungjae's three birdies in his last four holes.

ANNC: Now Jon Rahm he's had a lot of success in the third round of BMW Championship.

ANNC: Erik Van Rooyen. Still outside the top 30, but he's getting closer.

ANNC: McIlroy making a Saturday charge.

MCILROY: Just one of those days where it seemed like everyone got off to really hot starts. You know you can do it on this golf course, and then you just have to try to keep it going from there.

RORY MCILROY POSTS A BOGEY-FREE 7-UNDER 65 ON SATURDAY CARRYING MOMENTUM INTO THE FINAL ROUND.

MOMENTUM IS KEY IN THE PLAYOFFS, AND CANADA'S MACKENZIE HUGHES NEEDS A STRONG FINISH IF HE'S TO RETURN TO EAST LAKE FOR THE SECOND, CONSECUTIVE SEASON.

HUGHES MINI

MACKENZIE HUGHES' STORY IS ONE OF PERSISTENCE. AFTER HIS BREAKTHROUGH WIN IN HIS ROOKIE SEASON ... HE STRUGGLED TO FIND CONSISTENCY.

MACKENZIE HUGHES: One day you win a tournament and then the following year you're wondering where that guy was that won that tournament. I went through a couple of years, kind of a sophomore slump. I also was dealing with a really high expectation for myself from within and it made for a tough go mentally.

BUT AFTER MISSING FIVE CONSECUTIVE CUTS MID-WAY THROUGH THE 20-20 SEASON...

....THE HAMILTON, ONTARIO NATIVE TURNED IT AROUND WITH A SOLO SECOND AT THE HONDA CLASSIC.

ANNC: Yes! All of Canada is on their feet with that one.

THAT FINISH GOT HIM BACK INTO GOOD STANDING IN THE FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS RACE – WHERE HE WOULD ULTIMATELY FIND HIMSELF ON THE BUBBLE FOR HIS FIRST TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP APPEARANCE – AS HE CAME DOWN THE STRETCH AT THE BMW CHAMPIONSHIP.

MACKENZIE HUGHES: Early in that back nine, I didn't have a lot of wiggle room. And then I bogeyed 17, I'm like, perfect. And then I asked my caddy walking off 17, hey, what do we need

here? He says you need par. And I hit the bunker and I'm like, oh my gosh, like now It's gonna be a hard par. And it's going to come down to a five-foot putt to get you to East Lake.

ANNC: *A clutch up and down for Mackenzie Hughes.*

MACKENZIE HUGHES: Then when it goes in the hole and the relief and the joy that that comes with was pretty special. It's up there with the making the putt to win RSM.

NAT: *Good job, guys. Thanks, thank you, thanks bud.*

HUGHES FINISHED 10TH AT THE BMW CHAMPIONSHIP ... EARNING A SPOT IN THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP WHERE HE EVENTUALLY FINISHED 14TH IN THE FINAL FEDEXCUP STANDINGS ... BUT THE OVERALL GOAL IS BUILDING ON THAT MOMENTUM.

MACKENZIE HUGHES: The next thing to do is to get win number two and I've been kinda close there, knocking on the door, that's my first and foremost concern and then that takes care of a lot of the other goals.

SATURDAY FINISH

BIRDIES ARE HARD TO COME BY FOR HUGHES. HE FOLLOWS UP A THIRD ROUND 70, WITH A 1-OVER 73 FINAL ROUND...ENDING HIS BID FOR THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

MAKING IT INTO THE TOP 30 FOR EAST LAKE IS NO SMALL TASK. AS THE END OF THE THIRD ROUND DRAWS NEAR ... THE DRAMA ... IS JUST BEGINNING.

ANNC: *The South African Erik van Rooyen for birdie. Have a reason, yeah! Van Rooyen.*

ANNC: *And he's making a case for East Lake.*

AND SO IS SUNGJAE IM...

ANNC: *Oh! And another one falls.*

ANNC: *Make it 6 players tied for third right now.*

BUT IT'S NOT SMOOTH SAILING FOR EVERYONE ... THE NUMBER ONE PLAYER IN THE WORLD STALLS DOWN THE STRETCH AND CAN ONLY MANAGE A 2-UNDER 70 ON MOVING DAY.

BUT RAHM ISN'T THE ONLY PLAYER TO CATCH THE BOGEY BUG.

ANNC: *Back to 12.*

ANNC: *And we hear there's a little mud on the ball here. Oh, ok ... Oh! Oh! Oh, wow! That sends a buzz of a different kind through the crowd.*

DECHAMBEAU NAT: Like what is going on.

BRYSON DECHAMBEAU FINDS TROUBLE ON THE BACK NINE...AS PATRICK CANTLAY MOUNTS A CHARGE.

ANNC: *Three in a row for Cantlay who's heated up. Cantlay has taken advantage of DeChambeau's problems.*

CANTLAY: I'm just trying to stay in my own little bubble out there. I feel like that's the best way I can go about doing my thing and give me the best chance to succeed.

ANNC: *We got a real shootout for tomorrow, with a lot on the line.*

CANTLY BREAKOUT

PATRICK CANTLAY IS QUIETLY BUILDING HIS PGA TOUR RESUME.

BEFORE TEEING IT UP AT THE BMW CHAMPIONSHIP, HE'D ALREADY AMASSED 4 CAREER VICTORIES ... THE FIRST OF WHICH CAME IN 20-17.

ANNC: *And it comes down to this for Cantlay ... once a can't miss kid, now he's a winner on the PGA TOUR. Patrick Cantlay wins in the desert!*

BUT IT WAS HIS BREAKOUT PERFORMANCE AT THE 20-19 PRESIDENTS CUP ...

ANNC: *And it's Cantlay in his first taste of this competition, he's a phenomenal player.*

... THAT REALLY GAVE FANS A GLIMPSE UNDER THAT STEELY RESOLVE.

CANTLAY: I'm very results driven. The way to get results is to have the best possible process. I will tailor my process and fall almost into a trance to get into the process. I don't know how Tiger was able to trance himself before the shot. He was the ultimate showman because he was able to be in a trance and use that focus. And then snap out of it. I have the first part, I just never leave the trance mode it's very hard for me to get into that second part-the first time I felt myself be able to kind of leave that mode was, Presidents Cup.

ANNC: *Wow that was a tough putt ... the guy's unconscious.*

CANTLAY: I looked up to Fred Couples growing up watching him play golf. He looks so calm and cool out there. I felt like I wanted to look like that until I watched myself play golf on TV and realized that I looked absolutely nowhere near as cool as Fred Couples.

WHILE CANTLAY MIGHT NOT BE AS COOL AS FREDDIE ... OR AS FIREY AS TIGER ... HE IS DEVELOPING A PERSONA ALL HIS OWN.

NATS: *Great job Patty Ice!*

ANNC: *Patty Ice, that's got legs, I think it's staying for a long time. For sure.*

ENGLISH: It was hilarious hearing Patty Ice, I had not heard that before, but I could totally see it, he does have ice in his veins.

SCHAUFFELE: Patty Ice is a great nickname for him, people are just starting to realize who he is, and appreciate his mentality.

ANNC: *This to put the pressure on ... what a putt, beautiful.*

CANTLAY: I think embracing yourself and embracing who you are and who you are naturally, while trying to work on who you are and make yourself better, that's really where I'm at and that's where I'm trying to live.

BMW SUNDAY

ANNC: *The final round of the BMW Championship whereby the end of today's play at Caves Valley we will have the final thirty that will head to the Tour Championship.*

THE CROWDS ARE LOUD AND OUT IN FULL FORCE... AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONTINGENT SURGES AS THEY FINISH OFF THEIR CAMPAIGNS TO ADVANCE TO EAST LAKE.

ANNC: *And a birdie it is for Sungjae Im. Who will head to East Lake in good position.*

ANNC: *McIlroy came in here to Caves needing to play well to get into the Tour Championship. He was in the 28th position and he took care of business.*

MCILROY: All I wanted to do was get it to East Lake next week, and it's nice that I've moved up a few spots as well.

K-H LEE ENTERED THE WEEK 37TH IN THE STANDINGS ...

ANNC: Does it have enough pace, yes it does! That's perfect pace. Wow, is he making a move or what!

BUT THE 30-YEAR-OLD KOREAN CATCHES FIRE DOWN THE FINAL STRETCH ON SUNDAY WITH BIRDIES AT 13, 14, 15 AND 17!

ANNC: *With a birdie KH Lee can get inside that top 30 here ... this would take him to 29, there's more movement!*

BUT TROUBLE AT THE LAST LEADS TO A SEASON-ENDING BOGEY ...

ANNC: *Desperation time for KH Lee, if he misses this chip shot, he's out ... it comes down to one single shot.*

... AND HE IS THE FIRST MAN OUT OF THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

ERIK VAN ROOYEN STARTED THE PLAYOFFS RANKED 76TH AND PLAYED HIMSELF INTO THE BMW CHAMPIONSHIP WITH A 7TH PLACE FINISH AT THE NORTHERN TRUST. ON THE BUBBLE AGAINHE NEEDS A TOP 5 FINISH TO PUNCH HIS TICKET TO ATLANTA.

ANNC: That gets him right back into the top 30 so he's hanging by a thread. In one minuet out the next.

VAN ROOYEN, IN THE FAIRWAY AT 18, NEEDS TO CAPITALIZE ON THE OPPORTUNITY...

ANNC: Well a clutch tee shot to get it in this fairway, a very demanding driving hole. This is playing 210 minimum. What a shot! Wow!

ANNC: And that pretty much solidifies Erik van Rooyen making it to the Tour Championship for the first time.

VAN ROOYEN: It's my first full year on the PGA TOUR and it was a goal of mine to get there and 6 weeks ago or so I wasn't even sniffing it. So, just really proud of myself.

TWO PLAYERS, ALREADY TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP BOUND, HAVE UNFINISHED BUSINESS TO DECIDE THE WINNER OF THE BMW CHAMPIONSHIP IN WHAT WOULD BE ... AN EPIC BATTLE.

ANNC: DeChambeau will blast away again. He's keeping the pressure on Patrick.

CANTLAY: I thought the course was great theater. It was a birdie fest out there and it felt like your foot was on the gas from the word go.

ANNC: Did he hit it ... yes he did, he did! And Cantlay drops a birdie in at 14.

CANTLAY: At the beginning of the week, I didn't realize it would take that many under par to just force a playoff.

ANNC: Cantlay has already made six putts over twenty feet this week. And another one!

72 HOLES ARE NOT ENOUGH TO DECIDE THE CHAMPION ...

ANNC: So, bonus play for DeChambeau and Cantlay.

... THE TWO GO HEAD-TO-HEAD FOR SIX MORE HOLES!

ANNC: Oh it's on a great pace.

ANNC: *You just had a feeling he was due. There's no give up in this guy.*

ANNC: *Eight feet nine inches for DeChambeau. And Patrick Cantlay has just pulled off one of the most amazing performances down the stretch that we've ever seen. The BMW Champion in incredible, dramatic style.*

WITH THE WIN, CANTLAY SURGES AHEAD OF TONY FINAU IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS AND IS IN PRIME POSITION TO TAKE HOME THE SEASON'S TOP PRIZE. UNFLAPPABLE DOWN THE STRETCH, CANTLAY SET A PUTTING RECORD GAINING 14.6 STROKES ON THE FIELD WITH THE FLATSTICK ... MAKING 537 FEET OF PUTTS DURING THE WEEK.

CANTLAY: *I'm as focused as I can be on every single shot. I try not to let my mind get past the moment that I'm in. And then I kind of let the chips fall where they do. Just try to lock in and do my absolute best in that moment and my best is pretty good.*

(SEGMENT FOUR)

TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP DRONE

ANNC: *It is sunny, it is comfortable temperature, we are five miles east of downtown at East Lake for the 2021 playing of the season-ending Tour Championship.*

ANNC: *11 months, 50 tournaments, close to 60,000 miles of air travel to get from tournament to tournament ... so many PGA TOUR players, hundreds of them, had the same aspirations at the beginning of the season, make it to Atlanta.*

NATS: Whoa!

ANNC: *So, led by Patrick Cantlay, they arrive in Atlanta, 30 strong, chasing one title. The TOUR comes to its familiar stage for the season's final act.*

NATS: Rory define 2021.

MCILROY NATS: 2021 has flown by.

NATS: Perfect, alright! I'm good.

MCILROY NATS: Awesome.

ANNC: *East Lake, where golf's greatest ever, Bobby Jones learned the game. And this generation's greatest pros, again, look to make their own history. History to be made and there's a lot of history here. Golf course opened back in 1908, hosting the grand finale for the FEDEXCUP with a 15-million-dollar first prize.*

NATS: Wait wait wait. Should we cut it? Keep rolling. Come on DJ.

ANNC: *This week the champion of the sport's biggest season will take home the game's largest prize. A year-long PGA TOUR de force ends here at the Tour Championship. One through 30 they've earned their spots, they've got their strokes, time to play!*

TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP OPENING ROUND PT 1

ANNC: *There's no shortage of stars, there's no shortage of stories for the PGA TOUR's season finale.*

MCILROY: It's always good to be back at the Tour Championship.

JOHNSON: The FedEx Cup. It's something that we all strive to win first and foremost you got to make it East Lake.

RORY: When you've made it to East Lake, you've always had a pretty good year. I can certainly make it a great year with a good performance this week.

ANNC: *Off that great win last week in Baltimore at the BMW Patrick Cantlay he starts at 10 under par...*

WITH THE STAGGERED SCORING FORMAT ... PATRICK CANTLAY STARTS HIS BID FOR THE FEDEXCUP WITH A TWO-STROKE ADVANTAGE.

CANTLAY: I think being in the spot that I am it would be easy to get ahead of yourself, to stray from your game plan because you feel like you're ahead and that's just not helpful, so I'm going to stick to my game plan and take what the golf course gives me.

STRUGGLING TO KEEP PACE WITH THE LEADERS, VIKTOR HOVLAND IS 8-STROKES BEHIND CANTLAY HEADING INTO THE WEEKEND...BUT THE NORWEGIAN STILL HAS PLENTY TO CELEBRATE THIS SEASON.

HOVLAND MINI

ANNC: *A win it is! For Viktor Hovland, what a way to do it. Birdie at the last.*

HOVLAND: Oh, is this the commentators? (Yes.) One of the commentators, Henrik Bjornstad, he was the first guy from Norway to play on the PGA TOUR ...

ANNC: *Yes! He makes it, again! Our boy! He makes a birdie on 18!*

HOVLAND: I've seen it a couple of times, they're pretty known to be pretty passionate back home when they're commentating.

BJORNSTAD: It's just an impulsive reaction and a burst of joy.

ANNC: *He's unreal, that kid! What a star!*

HOVLAND'S VICTORY IN MEXICO KICKED OFF AN INCREDIBLE STRETCH OF PLAY HIGHLIGHTED BY FIVE TOP-FIVE FINISHES. HE ENTERED THE FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS IN 11TH PLACE ... PUTTING HIM FIRMLY IN THE HUNT FOR THE FEDEXCUP.

ANNC: *Another laser iron right at the flag ...*

AND THE 24-YEAR-OLD IS ALREADY ADEPT AT HANDLING THAT KIND OF PRESSURE.

HOVLAND: A lot of it is just a personality trait, the pressure is there, and you can't really hide it, and you just gotta look at it in its eyes and try to deal with it.

HOVLAND: I'm definitely having fun, I am, I think I'm a lot more stressed out than maybe it looks. Especially, when you're in contention and you know what's at stake. The way I deal with it, is by trying to relax, trying to smile, trying to have fun, and it's worked out so far.

THAT POSITIVE OUTLOOK TRANSLATES INTO GREAT STATS. THE NORWEGIAN LANDED IN THE TOP 10 IN EVERY MAJOR CATEGORY THIS SEASON INCLUDING BIRDIE AVERAGE, SCORING AVERAGE AND STROKES GAINED.

ANNC: *Sensational shot from Viktor Hovland!*

AND IT'S THAT SUCCESS THAT'S HELPING HIM GROW THE GAME BACK HOME IN NORWAY.

HOVLAND: I was just gunna play at a random golf course in Norway, and 300 people showed up on the first tee, just to watch me play golf. That's when it kinda hit me, it's cool to see people that don't even play golf. They're saying, hey, I'm watching TV, you know, four nights out of the week, even though they've never hit a golf shot. That's pretty cool to be a part of.

TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP OPENING ROUND PT 2

ANNC: *You've got proven champions on this board, and proven winners.*

TONY FINAU, BRYSON DECHAMBEAU, CAMERON SMITH AND JON RAHM ALL START THE WEEK WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE ... BUT BY THE END OF DAY TWO, ONLY RAHM IS MOUNTING A CHARGE ...

ANNC: *And Rahm closes the gap once more!*

... HE HEADS TO MOVING DAY JUST ONE STROKE BEHIND CANTLAY.

RAHM: You know when you have someone like him who played a round with very few mistakes, it only motivates me to keep doing a little bit better. We definitely feed off each other and that's probably why you see the difference on the scoreboard right now. Hopefully I can just keep playing those final holes really well and give myself a chance on the weekend.

EVER CALM, CANTLAY SEEMS UNPHASED BY THE PRESSURE.

CANTLAY: Everything that I'm telling myself is just to stay totally present and shoot the lowest score I can ...

ANNC: *His touch has been impeccable and there it is again.*

CANTLAY: I thought it was a good start, I'm playing really well, and I think I'm playing the golf course the right way.

ANNC: *They've certainly gotten used to seeing each other on the first tee. And they'll do it again tomorrow.*

TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY PT1

ANNC: *The first Saturday in September welcomes in the holiday weekend at the season ending TOUR Championship.*

ANNC: *The number one player in the world tries to take down Patrick Cantlay number one in the FedExCup points list heading into the week.*

JON RAHM STARTED THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP FOUR STROKES BEHND CANTLAY ... BUT BY THE 6TH HOLE ON SATURDAY HE'S EVENED THE SCORE.

ANNC: *Oh there it is, they're knotted at the top. Looking more and more like a two-horse race.*

RAHM: I like going head-to-head with anybody. He's a very well-rounded player overall right? There's not really anything that you can say is a weakness.

BUT A BOGEY AT THE 8TH HOLE HALTS HIS MOMENTUM...AND CANTLAY DROPS IN TWO MORE BIRDIES MAKING THE TURN WITH A 3-STROKE ADVANTAGE.

CANTLAY: I would say ... I try to stay in the present moment as much as I possibly can. It gives me the best opportunity to perform and any outside noise is just not important then. And I'm trying to focus as much as I can and the results and making those putts and staying calm is a result of me staying focused.

WHILE THE TWO AT THE TOP ARE PULLING AWAY FROM THE PACK, ABRAHAM ANCER'S SUCCESS IN THE FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS CONTINUES.

ANNC: Ancer, he's had a really, really nice day, that's another birdie 5 on the day without a dropped shot, 65 for Ancer.

HE TURNS IN THE BEST ROUND OF THE DAY AND JUMPS INTO A TIE FOR 5TH.

TRAILING ANKER BY A STROKE, VIKTOR HOVLAND POSTS AN EVEN PAR 70 AND WORKS HIS WAY INTO A TIE FOR 7TH...BUT EVERYONE IS LOOKING UP AT THE TWO ATOP THE LEADERBOARD.

TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY PT2

ANNC: This guy is in the zone. The first 9 holes he made 80 feet of putts, and Cantlay is now on a 4 birdie in the last 5-hole stretch, 4 clear now of Rahm.

RAHM: I never panicked because I knew I had my chances. I think a key moment was my putt on 13.

ANNC: It's got the speed, there you go!

ANNC: Put a little pressure on Patrick Cantlay here. And that is a Patty Ice move. Matches the birdie by Rahm and keeps the lead at 3.

RAHM: Him missing the tee shot on 14, right, that's where things got a little bit closer.

ANNC: First 46 holes one bogey, the last six holes he's made three of them.

CANTLAY: I enjoy pressure golf because it's everything I've practiced to do. That putt on 18 kinda put the momentum in the right direction.

ANNC: There's your answer! Patty Ice, cementing the nickname through 3 rounds of this TOUR Championship and he will play the biggest round of his career tomorrow with the entire season on the line.

(SEGMENT FIVE)

POY FEATURE

NATS: Alright, you guys good? Yeah everything's good.

MORIKAWA: Ummm ...

GARCIA: Good question ...

FINAU: Ooo, Player of the Year?

ANCER: That's going to be a tough one.

FINAU: I'd probably choose Patrick Cantlay.

ANNC: He just is an incredible player.

OOSTHUIZEN: It's going to be difficult to not see Jon Rahm getting Player of the Year.

ANNC: Right in the middle for Rahm. He's the total package.

RAHM: It's tough, it all depends what you value in. I'm going to give you consistency.

MORIKAWA: I look at consistency and Jon Rahm has been by far the most consistent player out of any one of us out on Tour this year.

ANNC: Rahm is in a different class right now.

GARCIA: He probably would have multiple wins if it wasn't for what happened at Memorial.

RAHM: I don't want to create any drama but there's one player that has an extra win that could have been me.

GARCIA: I think there's some good contenders, Patrick is making a good push for it.

CANTLAY: I think there's one more week left.

MORIKAWA: I think it comes down to who's going to do what this week.

ANCER: I feel like whoever performs the best this week is probably going to take it.

RAHM: If I'm being honest, I think it depends on this week.

SUNDAY PT 1

ANNC: The end of the road for the PGA TOUR season, with golf's ultimate prize, and the FedExCup all on the line at the TOUR Championship.

WHEN THE FINAL ROUND OF THE SEASON GETS UNDERWAY AT EAST LAKE, SEVERAL PLAYERS TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE UP THE BOARD.

VIKTOR HOVLAND TURNS IN A 5-UNDER 65 AND CLAIMS A SHARE OF 5TH ...THE FINAL PUNCTUATION MARK ON A GREAT YEAR.

FINISHING HIS SEASON WITH AN EVEN PAR 70, ABRAHAM ANCER EARNS A 9TH PLACE FINISH IN THE FEDEXCUP...THE HIGHEST FINISH OF HIS CAREER.

AND ALTHOUGH TONY FINAU STRUGGLED FOR MUCH OF THE WEEK, HE MANAGES TO POST A 2-UNDER PAR 68 ON SUNDAY ...FINISHING IN A TIE FOR 11TH IN THE FINAL FEDEXCUP STANDINGS.

FINAU: I didn't have my best stuff early and scraped out a couple good rounds. Looking back on the season, you know, the highlight of the year was the win. I knew I was playing well going into this week. So, not the golf I wanted to play, but another successful year.

BUT THE COMPETITION ON SUNDAY REVOLVES AROUND THE TWO MEN AT THE TOP ...

ANNC: *It's Jon Rahm that's been on his heels all week, can he hold him off for one more day.*

RAHM STARTS WITH A CLEAN OPENING NINE, GAINING A STROKE ON CANTLAY WITH A BIRDIE AT THE 5TH ...

CANTLAY CAN ONLY MANAGE AN UP AND DOWN EVEN PAR FRONT SIDE ... BUT STILL LEADS AT THE TURN.

CANTLAY: Given that I started ahead, it's just a totally different mindset. So being able to stay present and kind of give myself that sense of urgency or give myself, you know, feeling like I need to make birdies or I need to hit quality shots now, I think that was really key for me.

ANNC: *We are separated by one with 9 holes to go in the TOUR Championship to decide the FedExCup.*

SUNDAY PT 2

RAHM IS MISTAKE FREE DOWN THE STRETCH, BUT HE FAILS TO GAIN ANY GROUND ON CANTLAY.

RAHM: I keep going back, that stretch of 10, 11, 12, where I was in position to put a little bit of pressure and I just didn't.

ANNC: *Shot after shot, that's how steady Cantlay has been.*

CANTLAY: You know Jon and I were very close all day. I don't know if we ever got more than a couple shots apart, and I wasn't able to, you know, really put the pedal down when maybe I could have.

CANTLAY'S BOGEY SAVE AT 17 KEEPS HIM IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT ...

ANNC: *What a good pressure putt to take a one-shot lead to 18.*

... BUT IT'S ONLY FITTING THAT THIS INCREDIBLE SEASON COMES DOWN TO THE VERY LAST HOLE ...

ANNC: *Good looking shot ... looks like it was striped, and it was, it just kicks by the stick, what a shot! Oh. What a shot. That's makeable.*

ANNC: *Quite the answer. What a shot under pressure, oh my goodness. And that's really going to put it on Rahm to make it you would think. He's gotta make it.*

ANNC: *Feeling like he has to make it with Cantlay on in two, fantastic effort and Patrick Cantlay is so close he can taste it now, all Cantlay's gonna need is two putts.*

CANTLAY: Felt like a match-play situation; you've got to expect your opponent to make. And, it just came off perfect. It was the best shot I hit all week.

RAHM: Patrick played great golf, you know, he earned that so ... he played amazing golf what to say. That up-and-down after missing from 17, shows guts, the second shot on 18 after I almost make it is even more impressive.

ANNC: *FedExCup Champion Patrick Cantlay! What an achievement, wire-to-wire.*

CANTLAY: I play golf so I can be in those moments against the best players in the world. It's why I practice so hard. It's why I'm in love with the game because it's that great vehicle for competition.

WITH HIS VICTORY AT EAST LAKE PATRICK CANTLAY SOLIDIFIES HIS PLACE ATOP THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS ... AND LOCKS UP PLAYER OF THE YEAR HONORS.

ROLLOUT

NAT: *What a meteoric rise for Patrick Cantlay.*

CANTLAY: Winning golf tournaments, playing golf under pressure, that's why I practiced my whole life, and that's the best feeling in the world, is winning golf tournaments for me.

NAT: *The winner of the Tour Championship, the winner of the FEDEXCUP, Patrick Cantlay everyone.*

WITH TWO PLAYOFF VICTORIES, AND A CAREER BEST FOUR WINS THIS SEASON, ... IT'S CLEAR THAT 'PATTY ICE' IS HERE TO STAY.

CANTLAY: I've always said that I'm going to let my golf clubs do the talking, and I'm going to put all my energy into playing the best golf I can and let everything else take care of itself. I did that this week. And so, if I keep playing golf like this, I will be hard to ignore.