

ANNC: I enjoy this, folks, because this is as good as it gets in this game,

SEAN MARTIN: Masters, the players, the Gold Medal, the FedEx Cup. You had your first child. You got arrested. When you hear it all put together in one sentence, what's the reaction?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Well, when you add the arrested part in there, it's kind of funny. Trying to take care of a newborn during that time was definitely a bit different. I wasn't sleeping that well anyways, the expectations that people placed upon me, hey, you're hitting it so good, like you should win every week.

TED SCOTT: That's it. What's been the secret I can't tell you that. I'm sorry. I'm not really exactly sure how to describe it, other than it's been a lot of fun. Been a lot of fun, one of the all time seasons, the winds have been unbelievable, back to back, players getting the second green jacket the gold medal.

KEEGAN BRADLEY: What he did this year is going to go down in history as one of the greatest years, not only in golf, but also in sport.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: What he's done with his irons. It's hard to compare many other players in past.

TIGER WOODS: As straight as he hits. It an unbelievable short game. We will experience that for many more years to come.

SAM BURNS: It sounds like a great movie script. I feel like a lifetime in a year being as dominant as he was. To also have your first child born.

SMYLIE KAUFMAN: The wins they stack up. And then you go look at the numbers, the deep dive of how good he was, tee to green, the arrest in Louisville, and then also coming off a year where we really heavily scrutinize his putting

ANNC: It's a season that started on the first team beautiful Hawaii at Kapalua, and it has been the season of Scottie Scheffler.

ANNC: World number one, trying to set the stage for another huge year. From Dallas, Texas. Scottie Scheffler, I always

SCHEFFLER: I try to go back to my preparation. You know, being prepared is kind of what I pride myself on. When I step on the first tee, I remind myself that I've done everything I could to play well. And you know, the rest isn't up to me.

JORDAN SPIETH: "We know what he's done, tee to green, and we know he's been able to put it all together in the biggest events, almost every event in the top 25 most all of them in the top 10.

ANNC: His rankings are just phenomenal in all these categories except one.

TREVOR IMMELMAN: He wanted to win more often than what he did in 2023. He sure did play some great golf in 2023 but for the quality of golf he played. I felt like he didn't get as much out of it as what he would like, and I think it was all down to putting,

SCHEFFLER: Hoping to improve on a few things so that I can finish off a few more tournaments last year, my ball striking was obviously very good, and my putting wasn't as good as I think it needed to be.

ANNC: If he keeps improving, this is going to be a monster year.

JASON DAY: It's hard to be ranked number one and putting and obviously strokes gain, approach to green. If you do that, then you're having like kind of tiger ears

TED SCOTT: When you see a player like Scottie, who works so hard and he's so dedicated and so passionate, and he's not getting the reward that he is working towards. It's, it's tough, you know, it's tough as a person that you walk beside him and you want him to achieve his goals. And so Phil Kenyon has had a huge impact on him.

ANNC: Putter let him a little bit down on the weekend.

IMMELMAN: Phil Kenyon is one of the best putting coaches in the world.

PHIL KENYON: At the end of last season, he sent me a text, reached out to see if we could get together and explore the opportunity of working together. I felt like he was the guy for me, just because he's not afraid to think outside the box.

SCHEFFLER: Riviera is one of those places that, when you put on paper, it doesn't seem like a very difficult golf course, and then you go out there and play, and you're like, holy smokes, this place is so hard.

ANNC: 51 players made the cut. Scottie is 51st in putting

BURNS: Every interview that he got into was, let's talk about your putting. And it was day after day after day, and he's working on it, and he's very frustrated. We sat down around their dinner table.

BRAD PAYNE: I'm like, buddy, how you doing? And he said, I don't think I'm doing well,

ANNC: That's the whole challenge of this game, to forget about that, but it's costing him wins.

SCHEFFLER: Phil has done a really good job with me the last six months or so, kind of keep my head in the right frame of mind.

KENYON: I think his strength of mind is underestimated by many, he's probably the most competitive person I've met. He's so competitive sometimes he tries too hard. Before I started

reading with Phil, I felt like I would bounce back a lot between ideas on how I wanted a putt. I felt like I didn't stick to something and ride the highs and lows of it.

BURNS: We were staying in houses, and had gotten pretty bad, to a point of where, you know, both of us would have the putting mats out, and we'd be getting each other to watch them. And the girls were, they were pregnant at that point. So I feel like they would go to bed and we would stay up putting.

SCHEFFLER: I felt like we went home and just really tried to commit to kind of going back to being myself, like, what do we love to do? And I think I was focused too much on trying to live up to the expectations that people placed upon me, of, hey, you're hitting it so good, like, you should win every week.

IMMELMAN: And it got frustrating having to answer those questions deep down, it was absolutely burning him. And all in all, I was extremely impressed with with the way he handled that adversity.

ANNC: Please welcome Scottie Scheffler.

SCHEFFLER: Last year, I was trying to be perfect on the greens, and it didn't really go that well, and so when I switched to the spider, I was able to free things up and see some good, consistent results.

ANNC: We've seen some rapid improvements, especially since the first round.

SCHEFFLER: I feel like I'm much more athletic. With my putting, I get much more into my feel and visual and that's what I'm good at on my full swing. And so it seems to make logical sense that I should probably do that with my putting as well.

ANNC: The putter is warming up fear the beard. Scottie Scheffler is now tied for the lead. Five birdies coming home, and Scheffler in position as he's been so many times in his career for another run at another PGA TOUR victory,

ANNC: It's been Scottie Scheffler world on the PGA TOUR. He's just looking for a win. Hasn't gotten that in a year. Teddy Scott,

LOWRY AND SCHEFFLER NATS: Nice beard. I like it. Trying to look like you. Better start eating.

SCHEFFLER: The positives I took from the first round was, you know, had a good attitude, and it's just a matter of continuing to stick to what we're doing and just wait for the results to come and not force him.

ANNC: He's first in putting. It's the most amount of feed he's made in putts, four strokes gained for the round. With this putter, it's going to quiet a lot of critics.

REPORTER: You feel like you've found the putter you'll be using for a while?

SCHEFFLER: I mean, hopefully the results so far pretty tough to argue with. I'd say

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler is the king of Bay Hill again, with one of the great performances we've ever seen here, around difficult Bay Hill,

SHANE LOWRY: I come off that course that someday, just thinking, you know, even if I had my best golf, I don't think I could have beaten him that day.

SCHEFFLER: This one's pretty special. It's been almost a year, and so there's been a lot of chatter about my game and the state of where it was at

REPORTER: Scottie that was impressive out there.

SCHEFFLER: A lot of quality shots out there, and holed some nice putts as well.

TED SCOTT: It was like, All right, you did it, man. You stuck through the tough times. Now we're back. You know, we're back doing the thing we love to do, and that's competing at the highest level.

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler, when he got on his roll, won in bunches. Maybe there's a bunch of wins coming up.

SCHEFFLER NATS: You coming too? You exhausted? Mere you want one?

DAY: He's faith based in his religion. And to be able to walk off the golf course knowing that you know things are gonna be great regardless, that kind of takes some pressure off your shoulders.

SCHEFFLER NATS: You got food like a burger and fries.

SCHEFFLER: My life's not a golf score. It's not how many trophies I'm gonna win. I'm proud to have a great wife and a great family. Very grateful for the other part of my life that's away from the golf course.

STAFF: May I show you our champions locker? Number two right next to Mr. Palmer.

SCHEFFLER: Oh, hey, you put all my stuff in there. Too. Sneaky. Ready for you.

STAFF: Congratulations, thanks.

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler just keeps rolling along and he'll head to TPC Sawgrass with about as much confidence as you could possibly imagine. Scott.

ANNC: Last players champion who won the week before: Tiger Woods, and that was 23 years ago.

REPORTER: Scottie has put some distance between himself and everybody else. Do you feel like he's the guy that you're all chasing right now?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yes.

REPORTER: Does it feel like a challenge, an uphill battle, if he gets that putter working?

SCHEFFELE: Yes.

MAX HOMA: I saw somebody on the internet say he's boring, and to become the best player in the world and someone who's going to set records and win a bunch of majors, you want to play as boring a golf as you can. You want to be as even keeled as you can. You would think that's what you would build in a lab.

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler tried to defend a title that no one has been able to do thus far in the 50 year history of the players.

SCHEFFLER: It's such a good golf course in the sense that it doesn't really suit one type of player. You don't really see the same guys year in, year out, at the top of that leaderboard. It's really the guys that are just playing the best at the time.

ANNC: Carbon copy of last week, positive strokes gain putting and that means Scheffler is high on the leaderboard.

SPIETH: You have to be so on your game, your misses have to be in the perfect spots. The finish just requires such precision and makes it so difficult to repeat.

ANNC: There was ever a time to do it, this guy seems like he is poised. The world's number one player is on track again.

SCHEFFLER: I played really good golf on Thursday. I think it was 2-under through four on Friday. So I was right in the thick of the tournament, all of a sudden, you know, I get that pinch in my neck.

SCHEFFLER: I remember trying to hit a hard three wood into number 11, we start on the back nine that day. And I hit one. It was like, Oh, that that felt a little sore in my neck, like I was kind of started turning. I was like, Man, my neck feels a little bit tight, and it started to kind of lock up. And finish playing number 11, get to 12 tee and by then, it's already starting to lock up a little bit more and more. I remember getting to the top of my swing on 12, and it just like shooting pain, like from my ear down into my shoulder and into my back.

JUSTIN THOMAS: He had his tee shot on 12, and I audibly laughed out loud, like, had to back off again, because I was like, That's the most ridiculous follow-through I've ever seen. I didn't know that his neck was hurt, so I kind of felt bad after I found that out.

SCHEFFLER: I mean, it was pretty funny. Like, my swing was wild, my feet made like, a huge noise. I had grunted because my neck was killing me, and he was laughing, and I kind of like, stood there on the tee, and I was like, Oh my gosh, I'm gonna be able to play golf today.

THOMAS: You could just, I mean, when he was, you like, say something, he's kind of given it this one. You know, everyone's had a pinched nerve and woken up that way. It was pretty extreme.

ANNC: Still have a chance to win this golf tournament, but you see how his health holds up over the final 36.

TED SCOTT: I called my wife and said, Yeah, I'll probably be home this weekend. I honestly didn't know how he could play golf. I mean, he couldn't turn his head two degrees to the right.

SCHEFFLER: When you get an acute injury like that, if you can wake up the next day feeling a little bit better or the exact same it's a win. Usually, morning after is worse the following day, and so woke up Saturday feeling a little bit better.

ANNC: We saw him grimace a little after that tee shot. You know, he's fighting through it.

TED SCOTT: The most amazing thing to me was it really showed me how great his hands were, because he was hitting one more club and using his hands to go play golf and just striping it.

ANNC: He just keeps rolling along with a stiff neck and all.

SCHEFFLER: Saturday I birdied 16, 1718, to get into a place where I felt like I still had a chance to win the tournament.

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler, the winner here last year. Can he have a magical Sunday? He's with Nate Lashley, and they are ready to go at number one.

SCHEFFLER: Being mentally tough around that place is important, because you can hit it really good. But there's certain areas of that golf course we just got to step up and hit great shots.

ANNC: Got to get it going. After three straight pars.

NATE LASHLEY: He just hit kind of the most impressive, dead handed little wet shot that spun right in the hole.

ANNC: Unbelievable.

LASHLEY: He made it look easy, and it was one of the more difficult shots that he hit all day, really. And he could have shot 60. You know, he hit the ball so well and had so many putts roll right around the hole, and nearly every shot he hit was exactly what he wanted to do with

ANNC: Scheffler tries to go Eagle birdie here. Hey heay! Here comes number one in the world. Scheffler tied for third. Curious to see if somebody can make a charge here and challenge the guys in the last group.

ANNC: What a front nine for Scottie Scheffler and he has jumped to a tie for the lead.

SCHEFFLER: Epecially on Sunday, I was able to step up there and get off to a good start and just hit the shots I needed to down the stretch. This incredible comeback for Scheffler,

ANNC: Seven back after the 15th hole yesterday, look what he's done today. Eight under two holes left in regulation, really good putt to get out of here with a three and the lead really

SCHEFFLER: Grinding out towards the end and hitting quality shots when I need two under pressure and quality putts, and I was very proud of how I finished off the close tournament like that.

ANNC: The ball striker extraordinaire puts it just right of the stick hole high. Now here he is with a chance to go back to back weeks on tour, winning against stacked fields. Wyndham Clark shows some guts and has a chance on 18.

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler has a putt for a 63. Scottie Scheffler will see if 20 under is good enough. Saves us best for last.

SCHEFFLER: It's not fun sitting around being helpless, just watching guys be in control. I just did my best to stay patient, get ready for a playoff.

ANNC: Make he's in a playoff miss, and Scheffler makes History,

ANNC: Unbelievable. How did that not drop? Scottie Scheffler is the 50th players champion. It's

SCHEFFLER: It's tough enough to win one players, and so to have have it back to back is extremely special. And yeah, yeah, we're really thankful.

REPORTER: Like a lot of younger players, your generation, guys. I utilize Tiger. I know, obviously he's won a lot more, but you're on a path right now if the results are dominant. And I'm just kind of curious if you feel that way, you know, I think that's a funny question.

SCHEFFLER: I'm not going to remember the exact numbers, but like, we're playing at Riv this year, and I hit my T ball, and this guy yells out, like, congrats on being number one. Scottie, you know, 11 more years to go. 11 more years to go. This is my eighth Tournament win now out here, I've tied him in players championships. Outside of that, you know, I got 70 some PGA TOUR events to catch up.

ANNC: The way he's hitting the ball for this sustained amount of time. Remind you of what Tiger did. Yo, we see shots into the greens, very similar.

WOODS: How we miss golf balls in the correct spots is not always pretty, but it's not about the here analysis playing the long game. It's over 72 holes. It's not a sprint. This is over a marathon. I think that's the similarity between how we play the game.

ANNC: Tiger Woods had that same look, that everything was in slow motion. You could slow down time.

MORIKAWA: People show it in a different way. Tiger was very, very focused. Scottie looks a little bit more relaxed, but, you know, he's focused.

WOODS: I did it differently. My game was very violent at times. We played differently. He slid on it, I snapped on it.

MORIKAWA: The control of the ball, flight is what amazes me the most, the spin, the trajectory and the shape.

MATT FITZPATRICK: Just the ease of it and how it looks. I say how it looks. I know he's sort of moving his feet all over the place.

WOODS: Forget all the footwork stuff. If you just sat behind him and you only look at golf ball, how tight it is, he doesn't move. Move the ball very much. Either way

ANNC: It's like he's playing golf in a 10 yard wide tunnel. It's a video game, darn right.

WOODS: If you understand the fact that he hits in these tight windows and he shapes it varying degrees, you can understand why he's able to control distance into the greens as well as he does

FITZPATRICK: Coaches that looking for the perfect swings, the perfect positions. I think that's what makes Scottie so good, is he doesn't care about that. He's just trying to get the ball straight as possible, long as possible, close as possible.

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler gearing up for another Masters run.

SCHEFFLER: Thursday that week was a day in which I got, like the absolute most I could have out of the round. I think I maybe shot five or six under and was close to the lead. And I remember coming off the course and brandy telling me great job. Had everything feel out there. And I was like, I cannot keep going three days in this tournament my swing field. I guess we need to go figure something out. And we went to the range, and I told Randy, kind of what I was feeling in my swing. And he gave me little tip with my grip.



RANDY SMITH: When he grips club, he pulls his hand up the wrist changes positions. If the thumb moves up eighth quarter of an inch, it changes his wrist position, which changes how the club goes back.

SCHEFFLER: It's just the way my left thumb was on my grip. He had me move it down the grip just a touch. And I remember hitting one shot and feeling exactly the way I wanted to feel, and I hit another one, and it was exactly the way I wanted to feel. And then we left the range, and was a feeling that I stuck with for the rest of the week, and it worked out pretty well.

TED SCOTT: I remember Sunday wasn't super windy. We got on one he hit it down the middle, and we had a nine iron to that back lift pin, and he hits a perfect nine iron, and it lands 15 yards short of what we're trying to aim. Hits a great chip, makes the putt. I'm like, oh, okay, you know. Now we get to the next hole. He hits it. Next thing you know, the patrons are taking off running 10 yards behind the green, splitting the sea like Moses. And we're like, Oh my gosh. What's going on here? You know? Now he's got an impossible chip, and he chips it to two feet and makes that he just never got frustrated. I was like, Wow, this guy's tough, you know, because I was frustrated that I can't even get my guy within 15 yards of where we're trying to land a ball. Finally, on hole five, we hit it on the green. And JJ Jakovac, he comes up to me says, Congrats, buddy, you got your pro in the green for a birdie. Good job. Man.

SCHEFFLER: Was able to make those key birdies on nine and 10 and then survive. You know, 11, 12, 13.

IMMELMAN: That stretch of golf from the eighth hole through amen corner really was where he won his second green jacket.

SCHEFFLER: That was a point in the round where I had a lead, but you don't want to play defensively. We could have changed the way we usually played, and maybe, you know, tried to limp in or something like that. And I remember just kind of asking Teddy to see where his thoughts were, and that's when he kind of was like, if it was somebody else, he's like, I think we would consider laying up. But he said, You're the best long iron player in the world. Just hit the shot at the green. I was like, All right, I remember hitting a good shot to build a green, nice two putt and make another key birdie there in the next hole.

SCHEFFLER: I was proud of how I was able to really execute the shots I needed to under pressure and make some key birdies to where I didn't have too much stress walking up to 18 green.

MORIKAWA: just so competitive that he can kind of forget about everything else and just want to execute those shots and beat everyone.

ANNC: Scheffler has that green jacket twice in the last three years,

IMMELMAN: The stretch that he'd just been on, it's very easy for the adrenaline to just dump out, and you lose all your momentum. He knows when to get focused, when to get back on the horse, and immediately started playing great golf again,

ANNC: One of golf's greatest exhale weeks after the intensity of the Masters Harbor Town Golf Links is in the spotlight.

REPORTER: Okay, we'll get started. We'd like to welcome Scottie Scheffler into the interview room.

SCHEFFLER: Playing in contention at majors and especially winning takes a lot out of you emotionally. I think I'm a bit drained, but you know, we're starting to even par, and so I'm going to show up tomorrow ready to play. You. His mental side. And don't get me wrong, his physical side is unbelievable. He's probably got the best distance control and golf scene in a long time. He's just so good at distance control he can go plus or minus two yards after he hits it and tell you how far it's gonna be.

ANNC: Scheffler setting a high bar for all of these guys right now.

SMITH: He was not supposed to win that tournament. Oh no big boy. High ball hitter just showed his versatility. He hit more what I call trick shots for four days down here and around up here, over this flighted what course that he wasn't supposed to win

THEEGALA: We were joking at RBC, is a really tight race for second. Scottie had like a six shot lead. He leads the tour in 28 categories, 28!

ANNC: Most importantly, scoring and winning. He's so good around the greens as well.

TED SCOTT: He's so good at chipping. You know, I walked up and said, Here, Jim, it right here. You know, thinking, Man, this is hard. It's going over a mound. So if you land it short, it's gonna go left, and short, if you land it over the mound, it's gonna go long. I mean, it's really hard to get it close and you hit it just perfect, where you have to land at the right distance, and it's gotta kick properly. And just everything about it was just nasty. Are you kidding me? He chipped it right there, and it went in. It was just hilarious. Like, okay, here he goes again. Scottie Scheffler doing Scottie Scheffler stuff.

ANNC: Pure domination, the run continues.

SCHEFFLER: Mentally. The last you know, month or so has been as good as I've I've been mentally in a long time.

REPORTER: This is probably the last time we see you until you become a father. Congratulations and good luck.

BURNS: We were supposed to stay in a house together that week, so I probably would have been in the car with them. I don't know if that was a good thing or a bad thing, but

SCOTT: A close friend that texted me in the morning and said he got arrested. I went, haha, we're just texting, you know. Said, haha. He's like, No, seriously. I was like, Whatever, dude, you know. So I go on the internet like Scottie Scheffler gets arrested.

SCHEFFLER: First of all, I was freaking out because I somehow went from driving into the golf course to a jail cell. And I still don't really know how that happened exactly.

SCHEFFLER: I need to somehow try to calm down I get my heart rate back down to where I can go out and play. And so when I was in jail, I just tried to focus on my breathing. I did some stretching. The fact that he was stretching in jail.

SCOTT: You know, it's like, kind of goes back to what I was saying about his mind. You know, who does that? Who stretches in jail? In case,

SMITH: The thing that still jumps out at me was the round in Louisville after the incident, and how he went out there and didn't get to do his routine, went on the practice t we talked for a second and said, Look this all up here. Get after it.

PAYNE: He had an hour and 15 minutes instead of three hours to get ready, and so he was really sped up. And I go, Hey, did you do anything wrong? Do you need to apologize to anybody? He goes, I don't think so. I go, okay. I said, so we need to do a couple things, be slow to speak, which will allow you to be slow to anger and let other people speak for you, buddy.

SMITH: All these people were just picking him up. Scottie, Scottie, there was a warmth out there that day.

SCHEFFLER: The reception I got on the 10th team was pretty special. It wasn't just that I got arrested. I got arrested and charged with, like, second degree assault of a police officer, which is pretty extreme charge. And, you know, I can't remember ever getting into a fight, let alone, you know, assaulting a police officer. So it was just kind of a weird feeling for me, kind of wondering, be like, Are people were going to be mad at me for this. It was, you know, some of the loudest cheers I got for the year."

MARTIN: What did we learn about Scottie Scheffler that day?

IMMELMAN: Just how he can be calm during chaos.

SMITH: That's probably the best, best round, I think I've ever seen him play.

IMMELMAN: You gotta wonder to yourself, if those unfortunate things never happened, would the result have changed?

SCOTT: The man, Scottie Scheffler, his character, in the end, shined brighter than the circumstances.

SCHEFFLER: Yeah, the charges are dropped, but it was fairly traumatic for me, being arrested going into the golf course. That's something that'll always, I think, you know, kind of stick with me. You know that mug shot? I'm sure it's not going anywhere anytime soon.

ANNC: His last seven starts before this week, four wins, two runner up finishes and a tie for eighth. Among the traits he has in common with the tournament host. He is present.

SCHEFFLER: We got to 16, and Collin didn't have a great pitch. He missed his par putt. I made mine. So now got a two shot lead, and 17 end up making Bogey, missed about eight foot of her par. It's not only have a one shot lead,

ANNC: Morikawa remains seven under, heading to the last. Scottie to drop back to eight. Will a par up the last be enough?

SCOTT: Standing there in the fairway, the conditions are so rough that we talked about nine iron is not going to get to the green. Eight iron is going over. Where do you want to chip from? Literally, the conversation we're talking about, we both thought be better to land it on the green. Hopefully get a soft bounce, most likely going over and chip from over and sure enough, landed wherever he wanted.

ANNC: Let's see who has the better short game

SCHEFFLER: After his chip missed. I just kind of told myself. It was like, Hey, listen, man, it's just up and down.

ANNC: That's no gimme.

SCOTT: Now he's got probably five footer it's outside the hole, you know for sure, and hard putt you know, especially under the circumstances.

ANNC: I don't care how battle tested you are. This setting with the tournament on the line. It's tense.

SCHEFFLER: It came down to one five footer from a whole week in which you're just battling the whole time, and yes, to just bury a putt that was a little bit awkward. Was just a good feeling.

SCHEFFLER: This one's up there pretty significantly. That's very satisfying to hold that put on 18 and be walking off with a win and shaking Miss Michaels hand, thank you.

REPORTER: What does it feel like to win as a father for the very first time? Yeah, it's pretty fun. You know, this tournament is very special to us, and it will be for a long time, because this moment.

MARTIN: Can you tell us about the different sources of inspiration or motivation on this continued pursuit of excellence?

SCHEFFLER: On the course, I'm always striving to continue to improve my game. I've always been internally motivated. I'm always trying to get the best out of myself. The consistency that Scottie Scheffler has demonstrated, that's the key in this game, continuing to refine the skills I already have takes a lot of time and a lot of work to be focused on the process of improving, not the results, making sure my full swings in a good spot, still controlling my distance as well, and creating new shots for myself, continuing to improve touch and feel around the greens, when that putter blade begins to heat up, for Scheffler, he's just about unbeatable. My priority is my family first, not my job, and so when I do get time to go out and go to work, I need to be very focused and present what I'm doing at the golf course.

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler, the world's number one player. It's impossible to not notice him when he's making his presence felt.

IMMELMAN: When you play against your best mates a lot of times. Those are the tournaments you really, really want to win. And we absolutely could see that on that Sunday, Tom came looking to go wire to wire.

TOM KIM: Every time he's played against me, he's shot bogey free every day, and he's just, you know, he's playing unbelievable golf, and you feel like you played well and shot four under, but it's just he shot four better than you.

ANNC: Scheffler is going to walk off this ninth green and make the turn leading all by himself. Sometimes it's hard to play with a friend and compete at that level with a friend, and I thought he handled it beautifully.

ANNC: Make it we have a playoff.

SCHEFFLER: Tom made a great birdie there on 18 to get into a playoff.

KIM: Just really pumped to give myself a chance at a playoff. And because I'm playing against one of my really close buddies. I want him to know, kind of want to shove it in his face.

ANNC: Scottie did not hit driver in regulation, and he's already pulled the fairway wood out.

SCHEFFLER: It didn't really seem like it was worth the risk hitting driver up there and risking having no shot to fight hit three wood. It gives me a better chance to hit it in the fairway and get an iron up there close to pin

ANNC: With the three wood he's going to be hitting first.

IMMELMAN: Laying back was what I thought was the right play.

SMITH: So he played the shot that was required, knowing full well it's perfect distance in there.

ANNC: Is that any good hit right next to the hole. Just smart golf, trusting again. Back to the distance control. It was just perfect.

ANNC: Six wins before July 1. That hasn't happened on the PGA TOUR since 1962 when Arnold Palmer had six. Scottie Scheffler comes out of the chaos in Connecticut. Meredith and Bennett making their way down to the green this has been its second win.

SCHEFFLER: Tom played his heart out today. You know, he's a great player, great champion. It was, it was fun battling with him today.

SCHEFFLER: When I think of the Olympics, I really just think of Sunday. You know, pretty special round. Special back nine. There was times where I was arguably out of the tournament, you know, to be able to come back the way that we did was was pretty special.

JOHN WOOD: It was interesting because I was with the last group, which was John Rahm and Xander Schauffele. It looked like it was a two-man race.

KIM: I remember actually finishing that front nine. He was actually pretty frustrated with the way you played. I was walking off the green.

SCHEFFLER: I was so frustrated. And Tom Kim was kind of standing there. I was looking at Teddy, and I'm like, can I break it? And I'm kind of hand in the putter, and he's like, not yet. I'm like, You sure? I'm like, I think I could put better with my lob wedge. And he's like, don't break it. I'm like, Teddy, I really think I can put better with my lob wedge. And he kind of grabbed out of my hand, and it was, I was very angry, but it kind of, you know, made a touch of a joke out of the situation. But I definitely if he would have said it was okay to break it, I would have 100% snapped it over my knee right then there.

THOMAS DETRY: He made a great birdie on 10, a great birdie on 12. Two incredible up and downs on 13 and 14. I think it's underrated how good those two up and downs were.

SMITH: Scottie really just won that tournament with probably one of the greatest back nines I've ever seen in golf that final day. He ran through the tape.

SCHEFFLER: I had led the FedEx Cup since, like, February or March, and had built up a big lead and all of a sudden, you know, it just comes down to this one tournament.

SMITH: Any competitor and anybody who plays this game at that level had disappointment two years in a row when they were in position to do something special, and they don't do it. There's part of them says there's more.

SCHEFFLER: You get home and people will congratulate you and then, but you know, hey, sorry, sorry about the FedEx Cup. And I'm like, I really don't want to have to listen to this for another off season. It'd be really nice if somebody could just say congrats and then say anything after that.

SCOTT: The voice of others can be so loud, you know, is this second time leading or your third time leading, you know, and then the expectations of like a two shot lead in a golf tournament

sounds like a lot. It's really not. He's been sleeping on the lead for six months. What's way more noise and things to think about. So ultimately, it's just distraction. So how does Scottie deal with it? I have no idea. He's a rare dude.

SCHAUFFELE: Just being at the top for so long, he's had to learn to live with the target on his back.

SCOTT: You're preparing for a mental battle every time you tee it up.

ANNC: Man, what a day six under low round the lead was two to start the day. It is seven now for Scottie Scheffler, the week prior. Scottie Scheffler close to making his historic year even more historic.

ANNC: Another birdie for good measure for Scheffler to say, all right, Collin, we'll see you again tomorrow, and we'll see if you can hang with me.

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler, number one in the world, number one in the FedEx Cup, and number one after 54 holes, it's all right there in front of them. The

ANNC: Masters champ has an opportunity to do something that has never been done before, when a major the players and the Tour Championship in the same year.

SCHEFFLER: I think Colin bogey one, I birdie two, and we traded some birdies here and there on the front nine, and I had like a maybe six or seven shot lead.

SCOTT: My job is only to try to manage his expectations and help him stay focused at the task at hand. So how is he going to handle this? And is it going to affect the shots coming up? And if he gets mad, I'm fine with that, just don't bring it to the next golf shot. But if I see that it's carrying on and starting to affect his thinking or his confidence or whatever, then I'm going to try to step in and short circuit that reprogram.

ANNC: Oh, missed the putt.

SMITH: Oh, my God, he made bogey. He's still right there, and everything's okay.

ANNC: Oh, shanked it unbelievable. He's got to shake off what just happened, and this Tour Championship just got game on.

SMITH: Another bogey. No. Look up. Well, we got a whole new ball game.

SCHEFFLER: I remember walking off the green telling Teddy be like, my gosh, dude, what is happening right now? And he told me something along the lines of, like...

SCOTT: Who's the number one golfer in the world? And I said I'd take you with two shots down, with 10 holes to play against anybody in the world. That's how good you are.

SCHEFFLER: Don't think about the shots you lost, but think about the position you're in.

SCOTT: The last thing I remember saying to him is, Hey, show off for Randy. You know, just to try to kind of lighten the mood, like pretend your coach is here and you're just showing off for him.

SMITH: That's the best iron shot he hit the old tournament was on nine. It was over

ANNC: I'd love to know what Ted Scott just said to Scottie Scheffler, wow.

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and that partnership is becoming the sound track of golf. Ted Scott methodically talking his man through another shot.

SCHEFFLER: How we responded there after bogey in seven and eight to make it into a pretty interesting tournament to turn around and birdie 910, and 11 and then Eagle 14.

ANNC: Hello. That is just smooth sailing down the Final Four with an eagle at the 14th.

SCHEFFLER: Start of the week was just to have the right the right attitude and use what I feel like is my best strength, and that's my mind, and that's what Teddy reminded me of at the beginning of the week, and it paid off.

SMITH: How'd he do it? You know, it'd be nice to say, Sure luck. But it wasn't. Whatever he did came from hard work, a little dedication to his craft. He went out executed. You know, it's kind of like closing the deal. And he's starting to get used to closing deals.

ANNC: Ladies and gentlemen, your 2024 FedExCup Champion, Scottie Scheffler.

SCOTT: It's almost like a made up story or something. Maybe I don't know how he does it. He's a one of a kind human. Sometimes I think he's superhuman.

SCHEFFLER: I mean, if you can describe it in words, more power to you. Because I don't think I can.

NAT: Give it a kiss. No, that's right, I got it, I got it there, guys,

SCHEFFLER: It's been a great year. I'm proud of the results. Being able to win tournaments is a great feeling. And you know, it's what we work towards. And to be able to have as many wins as I have this year is really special.

REPORTER: As you look back on this year, what are the lessons that you have learned?

SCHEFFLER: Gosh, that's a good question. I feel like I've lived almost a full lifetime in this one year. It's been it's been nuts, but I don't know. I think it just always comes back to my faith.



SCOTT: He's a golfer, but soon as he puts his clubs down, he goes, and he's very dedicated to his family.

PAYNE: If you're building your legacy on trophies, trophies are going to eventually be tarnished. What are those things that will be remembered? Are the eternal things you know, the things with your children and your grandkids.

SCHEFFLER: Golf is something that I do, and at the end of the day, win or lose, they don't love me because I'm good at golf. Near they love me for the person that I am and for the love that I can show them.