2025 PGA TOUR: The CUT #5 International Script

COLD OPEN

ANNC: The PGA TOUR sits tight in the Golden State. Just a couple hours west of last week's American Express lies Torrey Pines.

JUSTIN ROSE: Farmers is an event that I've loved playing at. You know, the South Course at Torrey is one of my favorites.

ANNC: Stunning back drop to the fourth event of the PGA TOUR season.

All the way!

MATTHIEU PAVON: When you think about Torrey you think it's going to be a tough week.

WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT.

WILLIE MACK III FEATURE

WILLIE MACK III: I grew up in Flint, Michigan. Kind of little rough area.

JACK SELTZER: I first met Willie when he was either in eighth or ninth grade. Even today, I don't really see a whole lot of the work ethic that he has in the kids that I see now. It's very rare, very rare.

WILLIE MACK JR: He's a good competitor. He loves competing with himself and against other people and as an athlete, you know, it's that, that drive, that determination, that he wants to do better, that he wants to make it to that next level. He wants to get out there and compete with the best of them.

WILLIE MACK III: Every time you get an exemption, when you get those opportunities, you have to take advantage of them and I know what to expect now. Just being able to go back to where it all started.

WILLIE MACK JR: The grind never stops so he wakes up every morning, goes to the course. It's almost a 24/7 with Willie when he golfs, because he's trying to get to that next level and that next level is the PGA.

TODD ANDERSON: Well, I think as an instructor, you love students that are passionate and they're going to do whatever it takes to to improve and that's one thing about Willie, he never, in all the time I've worked with him, he's never complained and say, well, it doesn't feel right, or I

don't think I can do that. He's always willing to try. The thing I like about him is that he's open minded and trying to get back to get better, and he's not afraid to change it.

JACK SELTZER: I'll be watching the whole time. I'm just, I'm like a proud father. I kind of look at Willie as kind of a second son, and it's just going to be a proud moment for me that I had anything to do with it at all.

WILLIE MACK JR: I want to see him compete with some of the best players in the PGA and see how he can how you can do, what he can do.

WILLIE MACK III: I've been playing so well the last couple of years, and I'm glad people have seen that, and I definitely will work my butt off to play well.

TODD ANDERSON: Farmers will be a great week for him, and he'll have some good success, and he can show the world that, you know, he's a good player, and that he can play at it at the highest level.

WILLIE MACK III FARMERS UPDATE

ANNC: 36 years of age is Willie Mack. Lives in Orlando, Florida. Good to see him back out here at the Farmers Insurance Open.

MAKING HIS 10TH CAREER START ON THE PGA TOUR, WILLIE MACK HAD A SPECIAL SPECTATOR IN THE CROWD AS HIS FATHER WAS THERE TO WITNESS HIS SON PLAY IN A TOUR EVENT IN PERSON FOR THE FIRST TIME. DESPITE THE ADDED SUPPORT THE COURSES PROVED TO BE A TOUGH TEST FOR MANY PLAYERS INCLUDING MACK WHO ULTIMATELY MISSED THE CUT.

HARRIS ENGLISH WINS FARMERS INSURANCE OPEN

ANNC: Harris English, lost in a playoff here back in '15, played well here at the U.S. Open in '21, finishing 3rd, likes the golf course. Looking for his fifth win. 1,308 days since that last win. Almost four years.

A long time in the making. Harris English concurs Torrey Pines!

HARRIS ENGLISH: I knew it was going to be a tough day today, I love that. I love this golf course when it plays really tough. I knew with the wind you're probably not going to really see somebody coming up and throwing a 65, 66 out there today.

As a leader coming in the final round, you kind of like that.

HARRIS ENGLISH IS BACK IN THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10 FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2021 WHEN HE FINISHED THE SEASON 4TH AND WAS REWARDED FOR HIS CONSISTENT AND RELIABLE PLAY.

ANNC: And his first win as a dad. Little Emilia Elizabeth. She's as calm as her daddy. She sure is.

HARRIS ENGLISH: I've been seeing over the years of people's families coming out on 18 green and their children coming out to see them win so I'm so happy that she was there to see it. Because I have no idea if I'm going to win again or when I'm going to win again, but we'll have those pictures for 4 a lifetime.

FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS, ENGLISH SOARS TO 4^{TH} ... HIS HIGHEST RANKING SINCE AUGUST 2021.

TIGER WOODS' 2000 AT&T PEBBLE BEACH PRO-AM WIN

ANNC: We get an extra day out here to enjoy the Monterey Peninsula and what a story we're going to be monitoring here down the stretch for 28-year-old rookie to be trying to hold off challengers like Vijay Singh and Tiger. It should be some sight.

TIGER WOODS: It's not over until it's over. You just have to be patient, and I, that's what I tried to do and I was doing that all day.

ANNC: You don't see a lot of birdies at 15. Traditional back right hole location.

TIGER WOODS: It's really interesting when you're coming down a stretch at a tournament and everything's on the line and what really counts is the moment. It's right now and that's what you focus on.

ANNC: He's been distracted a couple times already with flash cameras. There's cars going by, dogs barking, flashing cameras, other than that it's pretty easy out here. A lot of activity just to the right of this fairway along 17 Mile Drive.

TIGER WOODS: Some guy was yelling out some, some interesting words and driving by, so I just kind of waited, let that thing settle down and, regrouped myself and then get up and try to execute the golf shot.

ANNC: Tough shot here. Difficulty here for Tiger's not to put too much backspin on it.

TIGER WOODS: I hit it the right number nut I thought I was gonna leave it high.

ANNC: Go in. Oh!

TIGER WOODS: The balls were spinning quite a bit. In that era we had square grooves too with a spinnier golf ball. That shot didn't work with the, with the 56 so I hit it with my pitching wedge. Giving the hill a lot of respect for the spin that it's going to have.

ANNC: What a moment, Tiger Woods.

TIGER WOODS: That's right. Right back in it.

It's less pressure to come from behind, no doubt about it and I made that eagle and I said, well, there's two right there. I just figured if I could somehow keep plodding along, keep plodding along, if I could post the number early and that was the key to my round.

ANNC: So Tiger trying to win 6 straight. Right at it. Oh no, just about made 2 in a row. That ball hit right in front of the hole. I thought it was going in.

And Tiger Woods has suddenly climbed back. He has made up the difference and improved it in fact by one.

ANNC: Tiger did everything he could humanly do, which at times doesn't seem very human like some of the things he pulls on. Finishing eagle, birdie, par, birdie.

TIGER WOODS: Coming from behind is definitely a, a nice taste in your mouth. I don't know why. Maybe because it generally happens when you shoot a great round of golf.

ANNC: Matt Gogol, he can make this for a playoff. The streak continues and a day not to be believed!

MAVERICK McNEALY FEATURE

ANNC: Maverick McNealy has a chance to get a win. In his 142nd PGA TOUR start, Maverick McNealy is finally a winner on the world's grandest stage.

McNEALY: Anyone who plays golf knows how hard golf can be. Max Homa said it best, you're always one swing away from considering retirement and one swing away from thinking you're going to win The Masters this year and we are that psychotic.

The close calls and having a chance and not winning made it so gratifying, thinking of 3M, thinking of Pebble, thinking of Napa, thinking of all those times that you're really close and just don't quite get it done. Seeing all the work that I and all my team and my family of supporting me and all my sponsors sticking with me through all of that made it really special.

ANNC: And he gets to share the moment with one of his brothers, Scout.

McNEALY: I always wanted to have Scout caddy for me at some point. I'm the oldest of four boys and my parents always structured all of the things we're doing as a team, so we're always working together. Scout's the one I go to for golf things. He's the best player out of us and it was just a natural fit and it's been so much fun.

ANNC: He was off for a while due to an injury and since he's been back he's had Scout on the bag. He's been trending in the right way. He's been better each time out. Very comfortable for Maverick to have one of his siblings on the bag.

McNEALY: I tore the ligament that connects your collarbone to your sternum. I made some pretty big swing changes then. Everyone talks about how my ball striking has improved this year steadily, but the biggest changes I made were the five months that I was out. Getting my body to turn correctly, keeping my head behind the ball and getting a little bit more out to in. It's a lot easier to make changes when you're not competing and trying to win.

I spend a lot of time just trying to think what is actually going to make me play better. I journal after every round and practice round at a tournament, I just like to ask the question why. It's a hard one to answer in golf sometimes. What makes you play good and what makes you play poorly but I'm really fortunate to have a lot of people that point me in the right direction.

ANNC: Maverick McNealy finished 5th here a year ago. His family used to home right off the 16th at Pebble Beach Golf Links. He's played here a few times and it shows.

McNEALY: I remember that week my three iron was about half a degree too upright and it was just drawing a couple of yards too much. I was standing there as a perfect number, wind in off the right and there was a big AT&T sign in the back right corner of the green and I just remember aiming at the farthest right T on the AT&T, knowing that the wind was going to knock it left and the three iron had a little bit of draw bias in it.

ANNC: McNealy coming in here with a three iron. Careful. Oh no that's middle and releasing, beautiful.

McNEALY: Hit it perfect. I was like that's going to be great and just curved right and landed on the front and went right in the middle.

The club just start spinning in my hands uncontrollably. There's no better feeling than being under pressure, being really nervous and executing a shot exactly how you want to. It's the best feeling in golf.

I've been fortunate to get a sponsor's exemption a couple of times to that tournament and I just told them this fall, I'm working really hard so that I, I don't have to ask for another one this year. It's my favorite event on TOUR, it's my golf course on TOUR. It's really fun to be a winner and go back there but I'd love to be a winner at Pebble Beach.

MULLIGAN MOMENTS

THE CUT PRESENTS... MULLIGAN MOMENTS.

ANNC: Clark trying to get it going here.

DURING THE THIRD ROUND OF THE SENTRY, WYNDHAM CLARK'S 14TH HOLE ATTEMPT COULD HAVE USED A DO-OVER.

ANNC: Oh, he's lost it out to the right. There's out of bounds over there to the right. Oh and it is. What a mistake for Wyndham Clark.

Now forced to reload, hit his third shot from this tee. Got to regroup right now and try to find a way to make a bogey or worse score.

It's right on the corner of that greenside bunker. Big mistake from Wyndham.

Just not able to put as much spin out of these greenside bunkers.

A miscue off the tee and making six at this hole, you are losing two and a half strokes.

CLARK GOT THE CHANCE TO REDEEM HIMSELF ON THE 14^{TH} HOLE DURING THE FINAL ROUND.

ANNC: Wyndham Clark is 20 under par and remember he made a double bogey here yesterday. Boy that was a nice little hop and now it's just absolutely perfect.

CLARK BOUNCED BACK TO OVERCOME THE PREVIOUS DAY'S DISASTER.

ANNC: That's a good one there. That was well done.

AT&T PEBBLE BEACH PRO-AM LOOKAHEAD & QUALIFIERS

ANNC: It is one of the most celebrated spots in golf. One of the iconic American sports venues.

WYNDHAM CLARK: I think if you ask any player their favorite place in golf, I'd say it's Pebble Beach.

ANNC: It's looking good, has it got the legs? Yes sir!

WYNDHAM CLARK: There's just something special about this place, it's so beautiful and has so much rich history.

ANNC: He's got the all-time 18-hole round at Pebble Beach. 60 for Wyndham Clark.

WYNDHAM CLARK: Being one of the Signature Events, makes it even more exciting. These big events feel like majors and now playing it on a major venue makes it even, in my mind, seem bigger.

PLAYERS INSIDE THE FEDEXCUP TOP 50 FROM LAST SEASON SECURED THEIR SPOTS FOR ALL EIGHT SIGNATURE EVENTS IN 2025, WHILE THE FEDEXCUP FALL PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TEN ADDITIONAL INVITES TO THE AT&T PEBBLE BEACH PRO-AM AND THE GENESIS INVITATIONAL.

ANNC: Mackenzie Hughes on the 4th, the Canadian, finds the bottom of the cup for an eagle!

MACKENZIE HUGHES: Beginning of the year if you can get into a couple of those and play well you can kind of set yourself up to play the rest of them so being in the first couple is massive.

BY FINISHING 51 TO 60 IN THE FEDEXCUP FALL STANDINGS, THESE PLAYERS, LED MY THE RSM CLASSIC WINNER MAVERICK MCNEALY, WILL BE AT PEBBLE BEACH VIA THE AON NEXT 10.

ANNC: Good looking shot. Is it ever. That should be another birdie for Spaun.

Justin Lower should just work a hair from his left to right at the very end. So perfect out there.

FINDING SUCCESS AT THE FIRST THREE FULL-FIELD EVENTS OF 2025 HAS EARNED FIVE ADDITIONAL PLAYERS ENTRY TO PEBBLE BEACH THROUGH THE AON SWING 5, INCLUDING SPAUN & LOWER.

ANNC: This should be lots of fun. It's pebble beach, it's a signature event, the stars are all here, what more could you ask for?

TV TIMES

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER IS SET TO MAKE HIS FIRST START OF 2025 AT THE AT&T PEBBLE BEACH PRO-AM, WHICH BEGINS ON THURSDAY.

PEBBLE BEACH 8TH HOLE

KEEGAN BRADLEY: The beauty of Pebble Beach and the 8th hole is hard to describe to people and I always tell people like, you're gonna be stunned when you go see this.

MATTHIEU PAVON: The beauty of the ocean on the right side and the beach and the intensity of the shot that you have to put to make the ball close, it's just like a very nice combo to have.

MAX HOMA: I think the second shot's my favorite second shot in golf. You need to hit a great, great mid to long iron and I just think it's tremendous. You can never be long there. If you're ever short left, you're great, if you're short right, you're in the ocean.

ANNC: Back at 8, Maverick McNealy here at Pebble. It's one of the iconic second shots in all of golf across the cliff.

MAVERICK McNEALY: It's kind of when the golf course gets some teeth. You stand up on that 8th fairway and all of a sudden that golf course gets really hard for a couple hours.

WYNDHAM CLARK: You know, typically you're around about 180 yards, and depending on the wind, that could be anywhere from a nine iron to a five iron, and it's all over a huge ravine, and it's probably the best second shot in golf.

ANNC: Is he gonna make another one? He is. Wow! How about that start?!

TONY FINAU: The first shot's kind of lulls you to sleep. You just kind of hit up the hill. You know, there's a there's a house that you aim at, it's a three or four iron. You're gonna be about 180 to 200 yards downhill over a cliff, you know, the Pacific Ocean's to your right.

ANNC: Little bit of hurt. Oh, and that may have just kicked back down into that front right bunker, which may not be that bad.

WILL ZALATORIS: It's just so hard. That green is so small that basically, if I barely thin it, it's probably going in the water. If I tug it, I'm making five. Really is the most beautiful approach in golf.

KEEGAN BRADLEY: The fact that there's a golf course on this property makes it unbelievable, but just the rocks and the ocean and everything is just, it's unbelievable.

DANIEL BERGER'S RETURN TO FORM

ANNC: One of the substories of what Daniel has done this week, three eagles. Wouldn't it be something if he finished with his fourth one to close out the tournament? In! Yes it is! The fourth of the tournament to take the title! In and out of this world for Berger.

FOLLOWING HIS VICTORY AT PEBBLE BEACH IN 2021, DANIEL BERGER RECORDED 5 TOP-10S AND MISSED JUST ONE CUT THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON EN ROUTE TO A 11TH PLACE FINISH IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS...

BERGER: I came into Pebble in a pretty good form but that really was what kind of propelled me into the position I'm at today and really kind of kick started again that consistency for me.

... BUT THE FOLLOWING SEASON, BACK ISSUES BEGAN TO PLAGUE BERGER... RESULTING IN A MISSED CUT AT THE 2022 U.S. OPEN, FOLLOWED BY AN EXTENDED ABSENCE FROM PROFESSIONAL GOLF.

BERGER: Leading up to the U.S. Open where I stopped playing, I was in pain all the time, and then I got to a point where I was like, this is just not worth playing.

BERGER WENT 19 MONTHS BETWEEN TOUR STARTS, MAKING HIS RETURN AT THE AMERICAN EXPRESS LAST YEAR.

ANNC: Dealing with back problems, Daniel Berger back on the PGA TOUR. His first shot in competition since the summer of 2022.

HIS 2024 SEASON STARTED SLOW MISSING TEN CUTS AND A ONCE WITHDRAWING IN HIS FIRST 20 STARTS BEFORE A PROMISING FEDEXCUP FALL STARTED TO YIELD SOME LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL WITH SIX MADE CUTS IN SEVEN STARTS, AND TWO TOP-10 FINISHES.

BERGER: When you miss that much amount of time, like it takes a little bit of a while to get back and I know people are like, why isn't he playing good or this and that but like, it's just a matter of being patient and eventually, you know, good things come around.

ANNC: Just under 60 feet. Oh! Come on Daniel!

BERGER: You take time off and then next thing you know it's like the whole landscape of the TOUR's changed and I'm playing in events that I've never played in before, I'm going to places I've never played but I've been really positive the whole year about it.

As the year has gone on, I felt better and better, which every other year before that I felt worse and worse as the year's gone on so that's just a testament to the stuff that I'm doing and the work that I'm putting in.

I'm just happy and grateful to be pain free and playing golf. Two years ago I was wondering if I would be playing golf again, so I'm just, yeah I'm happy to be back. I love competing, that's the number one thing.

ABDUL NEVAREZ VISITS TORREY PINES

NATS: I hit it! I hit it! Oh wooooo! Hole-in-one baby! Woooo!

ABDUL NEVAREZ: Golf is a sport anybody could play. Don't matter what your injuries or your handicap, go out and play with your buddies and stuff. That's the best part of golf.

Jason how's it going?

JASON DAY: I looked up your website, man, they sent it to me. I'm like, it was really cool to see, yeah, all the stuff that you're doing. How's the golf game?

ABDUL NEVAREZ: Not too bad. I'm in the 80s. Yeah, high 90s. You know, we go up and down, for sure.

I started golfing in 2001 and you know, it was just recreational with my buddies and stuff, but after my accident, motorcycle hit and run accident, part of my therapy was going to the driving range with my walker, cane and just chip putt. Also, Wii Golf, I played some Wii Golf, I was pretty good, and then I found out about this cart, so then I was able to go out to the golf course and play with my buddies and that's the best part of golf. You know, anybody could play it and come out with your family and friends for sure.

JASON DAY: Hey mate.

ABDUL NEVAREZ: Hey, how you doing?

JASON DAY: Good to see you again.

ABDUL NEVAREZ: Likewise, man.

JASON: Have a good rest of your day, man.

ABDUL NEVAREZ: You too, man.

I've never had a trainer to show me how to swing or anything, but I just learned on my own.

I came out here the year after I made a hole-in-one.

Once I hit the shot, everything went blank, and I just looked up and I see my family and friends' reaction. Holy smokes, that was the best.

NATS: No way, no way!

ABDUL NEVAREZ: And by the way, that was my second hole-in-one, so I'm like, what?! You know what I mean? But, it's amazing what disabled people could do. It's your mindset; however you want to, want to carry yourself. You know, you could be a victim, or you could just get up and kick butt.