

## **COLD OPEN**

ANNC: From Pebble Beach, California! The ATT Pebble Beach Pro-Am. This event's been around since 1937, doesn't change much, does it? What a sight.

ANNC: Breathtaking backdrop of the mesmerizing Monterey Peninsula, it's a scene that we've been soaking in for more than 70 years, and it never gets old.

SCHEFFLER SOT: These golf courses like Pebble Beach that stand the test of time have that little bit of charm to them where it's different and you have to hit different types of shots.

ANNC: The PGA TOUR makes its annual pilgrimage to Pebble Beach, the fifth tournament of the brand new season. The second signature event, 80 players competing here this week at Pebble Beach and Spyglass Hill.

ANNC: There'll be plenty of drama.

ANNC: If you want to be the best, you've got to beat the best.

## **THE CUT TITLES**

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

## **RORY /SCOTTIE RETURN**

ANNC: Number one in the world is back. Starting his season.

ANNC: Look forward to Scheffler's return. Rory McIlroy making his PGA TOUR season debut as well

ANNC: In the 2 months off, he's done a lot of work on his golf swing.

RORY MCILROY: I am excited to be back on the PGA TOUR. Its been awhile. I have still been playing quite a bit of golf in that period, just not over here so good to be back.

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler makes his season debut.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: You come to a place like Pebble Beach and it has some of the charm of a golf course that develops and stands the test of time. Its one of the most beautiful iconic golf courses in the world and we've got some of the best players in the world here competing.

ANNC: Last time we saw him was at the Hero World Challenge where he won by 6 shots.

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler continues to roll in '24. Back-to-back winner of the Hero World Challenge. This is the first step of what could be the encore to a transcendent 7-win season of a year ago.

ANNC: He went back and looked at some of those rounds and tried to recreate some of those feelings and what the club felt like in his hands.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I did go back and watch a bit of the tournaments that I played in and I wasn't necessarily watching the finishes. I was just watching you know throughout the course of the event. You know just thinking about you know what I was feeling at the time and how my brain was working, and you know the thing that stuck out the most was that I never really overreacted to stuff. I kind of stayed in it and waited for my moment to get hot and you know sometimes I got hot and I was able to get up the leaderboard and win and other times I didn't and I still had a decent finish.

### **SCOTTIE JT PRACTICE ROUND**

#### **VO: WORLD NUMBER, SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER ONE TOOK WEDNESDAY TO GET COMFORTABLE ON THE COURSE PLAYING A PRACTICE ROUND WITH JUSTIN THOMAS AND THEIR CADDIES**

JUSTIN THOMAS: Do you have like tape on it or something like that?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: -Yeah. It's surgical tape. Its supposed to help flatten out the scarring especially when when I'm playing.

TED SCOTT: I was redoing my porch, and I'm like this. My hammer fell down about 3 feet. So I literally went like this to get it. There was one screw that I had to take out . A rusty screw like that long.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Talk about a hole-in-one.

JUSTIN THOMAS: Oh, thats a double-cross folks. Oh, God. That's...

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Oh, you suck.

TED SCOTT: I'm here to serve. I'm not here to look cool. Not anymore. I used to be. It never worked so Nobody ever said you look cool. Had to give up on it.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Good shot.

JUSTIN THOMAS COACH: The tallest tree...right edge of it.

JUSTIN THOMAS: Aim probably left edge of it.

JUSTIN THOMAS COACH: Perfect.

JUSTIN THOMAS: No. Sit. That's not the bounce I was hoping for.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: He's not laughing at you.

JUSTIN THOMAS: I was like...Who's laughing now? OH, they're not. They're looking at memes.

JUSTIN THOMAS: They did not feather.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: They did not have decaf.

JUSTIN THOMAS: Good shot.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: That looked like a missile.

JUSTIN THOMAS: Yeah, a little high on the face actually. Hit ball too hard.

### **RESTORING YOUR GAME**

#### **VO: THE CUT PRESENTS RESTORING YOUR GAME**

ANNC: Justin Thomas now struggling, I think fair to say he's in a slump.

#### **VO: THE TWO-TIME MAJOR WINNER STRUGGLED IN 2023, MISSING OUT ON THE FEDEX CUP PLAYOFFS BY ONE SHOT**

ANNC: Come on now! You can't be serious. An incredible effort to keep his season going.

#### **VO:.... BUT RESTORED HIS GAME IN 2024.**

ANNC: We've known his talent on the PGA TOUR but he's been in a slump, time for him to bust out and he's doing so in a big way this week.

#### **VO: AT THE 2024 BMW CHAMPIONSHIP, THOMAS POSTED A BOGEY-FREE 68 IN THE FINAL ROUND TO MOVE UP SEVEN SPOTS ON THE LEADERBOARD. ENOUGH TO GET HIM INTO THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD.**

JUSTIN THOMAS: It's a big deal when you finish your season in Atlanta. It's a testimony to a very solid, strong, year long season.

#### **VO: THAT RESTORATION BLED INTO THE NEW YEAR WITH THOMAS FINISHING SOLO SECOND AT THE AMERICAN EXPRESS**

ANNC: A good week for Justin Thomas. He will take a lot of positives from this week.

JUSTIN THOMAS: It's all part of the very long process that is our year in career. I feel like I've been working and doing the right things, it's just, you know it's hard to win. There's only one

each week and I unfortunately haven't been that for a little bit now but I feel like I'm very close and I'm just staying patient and keeping my head down.

JUSTIN THOMAS It's definitely been getting better and better and I feel like it can continue to improve and get back to a place where we win a lot of tournaments.

### **SPIETH GOLF BAG**

SPIETH SOT: I've had a lot of really cool golf bags here. This one this year, it's a big commemorative 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the AT&T here at Pebble Beach.

SPIETH SOT: There's an ode to the Birdies for Students that AT&T does on 17. The 40<sup>th</sup> birthday is going to be a \$40,000 donation, just a lot of ode to the 40<sup>th</sup> year.

SPIETH SOT: And then I've got some really cool stuff around the area, we've got 17 mile drive on there. There's a patch for the year that I won.

ANNC: Put Jordan Spieth's name on the wall of great champions at Pebble Beach.

SPIETH SOT: There's some Caddyshack references, Bill Murray's obviously been a big part of this event. So it's unique. There's a lot of cool details on it. I get some awesome bags, but this week are about as good as it gets. This week and the Father's Day ones, I always try to keep all of those.

### **JORDAN SPIETH MINI W/UPDATE**

ANNC: Jordan Spieth, a past champion, coming off his wrist surgery late in the fall. It'll be great to have him back.

JORDAN SPIETH: I had a cast from mid bicep down. Luckily it wasn't around the shoulder so I was training. You know my scalp, some shoulders even from like day 5 or 6 on successful surgeries.

ANNC: Definitely making progress. I know he's looking forward to making his way back.

JORDAN SPIETH: I did it the Wednesday after, Memphis. So it's all systems go now. I'm excited to be back, getting healthy and then getting some confidence. I was able to work on some things in the swing, kind of in a way that I hadn't worked on him since I was 13 years old. How I used to carry the club steeper, going back with my hands, kind of traveling a little bit deeper with a lot of my, you know, wedge play.

JORDAN SPIETH: Some of my finesse shots and stuff suffered. I should be a lot more of a consistent player. Certain days it was fun. Certain days it was frustrating. But to lead to where I feel like I can step up and play this week with no limitations. It makes it all worth it. I maybe missed 1 or 2 events that I would have played in anyways, so it just feels like the start to a new season, which I think is a good thing.

ANNC: Jordan Spieth, back from his wrist surgery. His debut.

JORDAN SPIETH: This was always going to be a good place to start. Four through ten is just as good as it gets in golf. It's got some bounce to it which is going to require obviously more accuracy off the tee, but definitely more thinking into the greens. Well, there's going to be a little bit of rust in my hitting shots when I swing it the way I want to that can produce a winning score here. Yeah. Absolutely. I wouldn't be surprised if I'm in the top ten entering Sunday here, but I wouldn't be surprised if I'm not.

**FINISHING IN A TIE FOR 69<sup>th</sup>, SPIETH'S RETURN DIDNT LEAD TO THE FINISH HE WOULD PREFER, BUT HE WAS STILL ABLE TO GET FOUR COMPLETE TOURNAMENT ROUNDS IN AS HE CONTINUES TO WORK TOWARD HIS LONG-TERM GOALS.**

JORDAN SPIETH SOT: I would love to work myself into contention before the Masters at least once. And then maybe a lofty goal this year would be to make the Ryder Cup team. That would be kind of an ultimate kind of year-end goal for this year.

#### **LUDVIG ABERG MIN**

ANNC: Ludvig, 6<sup>th</sup> in the world, and the guy's just world-class.

ANNC: So many in the golf world expect a huge year from Ludvig Åberg.

ÅBERG: I had all these experiences playing all the Signature Events and all the majors and felt like I had put myself in positions to try to win golf tournaments. And I think that's what I was most excited about coming into the year.

ANNC: Ludvig Åberg, finished No. 1 in the PGA TOUR University class of 2023. Then in his 16<sup>th</sup> career start, at The RSM Classic, his 11<sup>th</sup> as a professional, he found pay dirt.

ANNC: Another goal reached for the 24-year-old Swedish sensation. Savor the moment, Ludvig, you are now a PGA TOUR winner.

ANNC: And was selected as a captain's pick to compete for Team Europe at the Ryder Cup.

ANNC: We're so impressed that we forget that he's only been out here for a short period of time. We kind of think like, "Oh my gosh, he's in his 4th year, 5th year," no.

ANNC: It's only going to get better with the way that he strikes the ball.

ÅBERG: I understand the technical part of golf, but I'm not obsessed with it. I'm not diving super deep into those conversations. I know my swing, I know my tendencies and that's really all I try to do. Because golf is hard enough as it is that I try to keep it as easy as I can.

ANNC: It's more the mental side of Ludvig that really impresses me. He doesn't ever seem to be phased, he always seems to be having a good time playing golf.

ÅBERG: It's a lot more than just playing golf and making sure that you stay on top of your practice and your training. It's tricky, but the best players in the world handle that with grace. And I think that's what I'm trying to do.

**AFTER TAKING TIME OFF IN THE FALL TO HAVE KNEE SURGERY, ABERG HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND HIS TITLE AT THE RSM CLASSIC, WHERE HE FINISHED TIED FOR 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**THE SWEDE IS READY TO GET BACK TO PLAYING A FULL SCHEDULE IN 2025.**

ÅBERG: I haven't had any issues since the surgery, so it's really nice. Really looking forward to coming back and to playing a lot of tournaments back-to-back instead of playing one and then two off, playing one and two off. I'm looking forward to a nice stretch of golf.

**ABERG'S SEASON GOT OFF TO A GREAT START IN KAPALUA FINISHING IN A TIE FOR FIFTH AT THE SENTRY, AND HE CARRIED THAT MOMENTUM TO THE FIRST ROUND OF THE FARMERS INSURANCE OPEN.**

ANNC: He makes another one to get to 9-under.

**BUT THINGS CHANGED QUICKLY...AS ÅBERG BATTLING AN ILLNESS AND SHOT 12-OVER PAR FOR THE FINAL THREE ROUNDS OF THE TOURNAMENT.**

ANNC: Ludvig, far from 100% over the last two days. Yeah, he needs a bed and some electrolytes.

**BEING THE FIERCE COMPETITOR THAT HE IS, ABERG PUSHED HIMSELF TO GO STRAIGHT TO PLAYING AT THE AT&T PEBBLE BEACH PRO-AM THE VERY NEXT WEEK ....**

ANNC: 3 bogeys in a row for Aberg.

ANNC: It's just not his day. You can see it on his face. He needs some rest.

**BUT WITHDREW FROM THE TOURNAMENT CITING ILLNESS AFTER SHOOTING A FIRST ROUND 77.**

**THE CUT REJOIN**

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**MIN WOO LEE PLAYING 6/7**

MIN WOO LEE: Sometimes in life, you just have to breathe the air in. We're here at number seven, one of the most beautiful places in the world.

**VO: MINWOO LEE TOOK IN THE FRESH AIR ALL WEEK TO FINISH IN A TIE FOR 17TH AT MINUS 11.**

### **SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER UPDATE**

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Number seven is a hole that is unlike any other that you can play in the world.

ANNC: Season debut for Scottie Scheffler, world number one.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: When you get really down into the golf course, you know you have to play a lot of different shots. You have to curve it both ways. You have to control your distance well and have an understanding of how far the ball is going to go here, close to the ocean where the air's cooler, the one's a little bit heavier.

ANNC: He's answered every question we had throughout the day. Is he ready to go? And I would have to say yes. No way to answer anything. But yeah. And makes it so. Scheffler now two under par, 12 under total.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Could have been better. Could've been worse. I felt like there was some unpredictability in the firmness of the greens. I felt like I struggled with that. I haven't felt a peak performance at all.

ANNC: Great shot by Scottie.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: My strokes game ball striking numbers are probably not near what they would normally be, and I think that's just a little bit of competitive for us to kind of get my feet back under me playing tournament golf. I did a good job. Keep my focus, keeping a golf course in front of me.

ANNC: And he'll get a top ten finish out of it. Yeah, makes up to 67. His iron play is money leading the field.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I took advantage of a few opportunities. I had a lot of good putts out there. I felt like going right around the edge, but it was challenging. There's just a lot of adjusting on the fly out there.

### **AT&T PEBBLE BEACH WINNERS PIECE WITH CB10**

RORY MCILROY: It's been a great week for a lot of different reasons. Hole in one.

ANNC: Oh, he flew it in. Rory McIlroy. Holy cow. Drinks on McIlroy tonight.

RORY MCILROY: Coming to the last hole at Pebble with a three-shot lead and being able to enjoy it somewhat.

ANNC: To add a name to Pebble Beach lore, Pebble Beach has a popular champion, Rory McIlroy.

RORY MCILROY: Obviously getting a win. My game can travel, I can, I can win on different venues, different tests, you know, firm courses, golf courses. Windy Calm rain anything that I feel was thrown my way in the game, I think I feel like I'm prepared to handle it.

ANNC: This will be long remembered as a virtuoso performance by McIlroy.

ANNC: He was six back going into Saturday, 65 66 on the weekend to just take control of this tournament, the putter was able to shine, picking up more than a stroke and a half on the field. On the greens.

RORY MCILROY: This is really about just trying to get the best out of myself, doing the right things every day, being consistent, being disciplined.

### **VO: RORY IS BACK IN THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP TEN AFTER FINISHING THIRD IN 2024, WHEN HE WAS REWARDED FOR HIS CONSISTENT AND RELIABLE PLAY.**

RORY MCILROY: Purely, from a golf perspective. Just doing the little things right each and every day, then, you know that adds up to, to some cool stuff. I'm just as determined this year as I have been in any of the years I've been out here on the PGA tour.

ANNC: 27 career wins, eight straight seasons with a win, just getting started, 700 Fedex Cup points.

### **FEDEXCUP STANDINGS**

### **VO: WITH THE WIN IN HIS FIRST EVENT OF THE 2025 PGA TOUR SEASON, RORY MCILROY DEBUTS AT NUMBER THREE IN THE FEDEX CUP STANDINGS THROUGH THE AT&T PEBBLE BEACH PRO-AM.**

RORY MCILROY: To win at one of the cathedrals of golf. is really, really cool. Couldn't wish for a better start for my PGA TOUR season.

### **NICK TAYLOR MINI**



TAYLOR SOT: As time has gone on, I've embraced the adrenaline.

ANNC: He's done it!

TAYLOR SOT: Embrace the pressure.

ANNC: Are you serious? Oh my goodness! Glorious and free.

TAYLOR SOT: It's where you wanna be.

ANNC: Nick Taylor has done it again.

TAYLOR SOT: It's an uncomfortable feeling but you also wanna be in there every week.

ANNC: Absolute unreal stuff in the desert for Nick Taylor.

TAYLOR SOT: When I get inside the ropes, get inside my comfort zone of playing golf, I just feel confident enough of where the adrenaline could take me.

TAYLOR SOT: Phoenix is an example where that tournament I didn't have great results until the last couple years.

TAYLOR SOT: The finish is pretty dream like. It was, you know making all those putts when I needed to was a lot of fun, the atmosphere has been incredible all week.

ANNC: Gonna have to put it in and Taylor dumps it home at 18!

TAYLOR SOT: I think I enjoy being in those moments, my mind gets clear in those situations of the shot I'm just trying to hit. It's kind of like a match play situation, I feel like I've always enjoyed match play when I was growing up and had success in that as well and just trying to hit each shot at hand.

ANNC: This is the spot he seems to thrive in. And it's another playoff victory for Nick Taylor! His last three wins on the PGA TOUR have come in extra holes.

TAYLOR SOT: I put some work in the offseason and really wanted to be ready to go, not that you're ever expecting necessarily to win right out of the gates after some time off. To have this good of a start is awesome.

## **TV TIMES**

**VO: NICK TAYLOR HOPES TO BE THE FIRST MULTIPLE WINNER ON TOUR IN TWENTY TWENTY FIVE AS HE DEFENDS HIS TITLE AT "THE PEOPLES OPEN THIS WEEK! TUNE IN AS THE PGA TOUR TEES OFF IN THE DESERT AT THE WM PHOENIX OPEN. COVERAGE STARTS THURSDAY.**

## **LUKE CLANTON FEATURE**

**FROM A SEASONED PROFESSIONAL IN TAYLOR TO A FLORUSHING AMATEUR WELL ON HIS WAY – LUKE CLANTON LOOKS TO MAKE THE MOST OF HIS WM PHOENIX OPEN SPONSOR EXEMPTION THIS COMING WEEK.**

ANNC: It's been another solid week for Luke Clanton, the number one ranked amateur in the country. Florida State star.

**CLANTON CURRENTLY SITS AT 18 PGA TOUR UNIVERSITY ACCELERATED POINTS. AFTER ADDING ANOTHER TALLY WITH A MADE CUT A FEW WEEKS AGO AT TOREY PINES.**

ANNC: He was in the mix for a couple of days here.

ANNC: Already three top ten finishes on tour as an amateur.

**AND BEFORE THE FIRST BALL IS TEED UP IN PHOENIX - CLANTON WILL INCREASE HIS TOTAL TO 19 – ONE AWAY FROM A TOUR CARD - WHEN THE WORLD AMATEUR GOLF RANKINGS UPDATE AND REFLECT CLANTON'S 26<sup>TH</sup> WEEK AS THE NUMBER ONE PLAYER.**

LUKE CLANTON: I haven't thought about it once until probably RSM. Was probably the first time it peaked into my mind. Because we weren't really close to it till the end of the summer.

**CLANTON'S METEORIC RISE BEGAN IN THE DOG DAYS OF 2024...**

ANNC: It really was an incredible summer for Luke Clanton. Had those back-to-back top 10s. First amateur to do that in a long time.

ANNC: And Luke Clanton trying to finish with a birdie. How about this. How about it. What a breath of fresh air this young man has been the last couple of weeks.

ANNC: Got a slew of sponsors' exemptions and used them very well, finishing tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> at the John Deere Classic and also a tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> in the fall at the RSM Classic...

LUKE CLANTON: To finish that putt and to look around and see everyone standing up clapping was everything you ask for as a kid.

ANNC: Luke Clanton is a player and one we're going to see a whole lot of in the future on the PGA TOUR.

**WITH A MADE CUT AT TPC SCOTTSDALE THE 21-YEAR-OLD PHENOM WILL EARN THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT MEMBERSHIP ON THE PGA TOUR THIS WEEK.**

LUKE CLANTON: Just been blessed to be in the position to even have these opportunities. I looked past it a little bit while playing in them, I was so focused on playing good golf, playing the best I can. But now I look back at it, just so grateful for the experiences.

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