

2025 PGA TOUR: The CUT #9
International Master Script

COLD OPEN

NATS: Bienvenido Mexico!

ANNC: Que tal amigos! Bienvenido a Mexico! Del Mexico Open a Vidanta World.
Condiciones es espectaculares!

JOSÉ LUIS BALLESTER: First time here playing a PGA TOUR event in Latin America so that's really cool, too. I feel like I'm more home than somewhere else. But it's great.

TITLES

WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT

FIRST TEE KID REPORTER in Spanish with English Subtitles

GUILLERMO: Hello, my name is Guillermo. I'm at the Mexico Open. Let's go do some interviews for the PGA TOUR. What was the best shot you ever hit?

JOSÉ ANTONIO SAFA: My best shot was my fourth hole-in-one that I made in Chihuahua.

GUILLERMO: How do you make a hole-in-one?

JOSÉ ANTONIO SAFA: Well with a really good swing and some luck.

NATS: We have the tiny reporter.

GUILLERMO: What was the first tour you ever won?

ÁLVARO ORTIZ: Gira Gado. Gira Gado when I was little, I was seven years old when I won my first tour.

NATS: He's about to win his first tour, he's seven and already in first place.

ÁLVARO ORTIZ: Really? Look at that.

GUILLERMO: Can you give me an advice as a pro?

ÁLVARO ORTIZ: Never stop dreaming.

GUILLERMO: Thank you, Álvaro.

ÁLVARO ORTIZ: Thank you.

GUILLERMO: What has been your favorite moment of your career?

JOSÉ CRISTÓBAL ISLAS: Of my career? How old are you?

GUILLERMO: Seven.

JOSÉ CRISTÓBAL ISLAS: When I was around your age I went to a tournament in San Diego and to LEGOLAND. And I loved LEGOS. So, that was my favorite stage.

GUILLERMO: What's your favorite hole?

GERARDO GOMEZ: I'd say the 18th hole.

GUILLERMO: And which one don't you like as much?

GERARDO GOMEZ: I think there are two, 10 and 17.

GUILLERMO: If you had superpowers, what club would you create?

SANTIAGO DE LA FUENTE: I think I'd build a club a driver that would hit it hard and straight.

GUILLERMO: Out of all the holes here, which green do you think is the fastest?

SANTIAGO DE LA FUENTE: I think it could be 11 because of the slope. Now let me ask you. If you had superpowers, what club would you create?

GUILLERMO: A driver that never misses.

SANTIAGO DE LA FUENTE: Oh well, the same as me then?

GUILLERMO: That's what I came up with! Thank you for joining me at the Mexico Open. Until next time.

VENTURA AND RUUD

NATS: Oh, yeah, stripe show. Four right.

CASPER RUUD: Okay. Hey, guys. We're together with Kristoffer Ventura the Norwegian, dream team. Yeah, I'd say so, we're here at the Mexico Open and come play, the last the final 18 hole with us.

Bonita. That's all the Spanish you'll get out of me today.

PRODUCER: Do you guys have any sort of rituals before playing to get into the right set of minds?

RUUD: Golf or Tennis. Both. Yeah, well, you probably have both. Yeah. On the golf course. I guess just hitting the range is what everyone does.

KRISTOFFER VENTURA: For me, it's just, sticking to my routine. I spend the same amount of time hitting balls, and then maybe just what I eat before I warm up. But it doesn't change very much. Really? Yeah.

RUUD: Well, I played tennis. It's a bit more strict, I would say, than when I play golf. I do my, like mobility, a warmup in the morning. I hit for 30 minutes on the courts, and then I will have rice with chicken, two hours before my match. Every single time. So, if I have a good year and play a lot of matches, there will be a lot of rice with chicken, which can get a bit boring, but, it's okay. It's worth it.

(Speaking Norwegian)

PRODUCER: How do you think your mindset has changed over the years as professional athletes?

VENTURA: For me, I think it's just maturing and sticking to my routines and not changing too much week to week. I think it's easy to look at what other people are doing, and obviously it's the intention is good to try to learn, but sometimes you can kind of lose yourself in the process.

RUUD: I think it's nice to try to enjoy while you can. I mean, we won't do this forever. Have fun with it. If I'm too serious and to put too much pressure on myself, I feel like I won't play my best tennis. I've been open about trying to play as much golf as I can when I travel. We do travel like ten and a half months a year. So, if you bored for ten and a half months of the year, it's it's a tough life. But if you can have fun, it's very enjoyable.

NATS: That was the mud's fault. Yeah. Mud ball.

(Speaking Norwegian)

PRODUCER: We know that you guys were roommates during the Olympics, with one word, how would you describe each other as a roommate?

VENTURA: Probably, messy for both of us. It was pretty messy in there.

RUUD: It was funny, we had, like a two-floor apartment. Yeah. I was on the top floor. And I don't think Kristoffer or Viktor didn't come up to my floor, so they don't know how messy I was. I think that's true. I think that was a good thing. There were a bit of tennis rackets, golf clubs lying around, but, I would say very simple roommate.

At this point we are currently at 11 under, tied for the lead so a birdie would put us in solo lead. Maybe it drops, maybe it won't. Let's see if I can do it.

That one stings that will sting for the rest of the day, I think.

VENTURA: Thanks for being with us, guys. It was fun, and hopefully we can do it again.

RUUD: Yeah. Thank you, and Kristoffer, good luck this week. And yeah, I hope I can watch you more in the future. Sounds good. Thank you.

WILL CHANDLER MINI

ANNC: From Saint Simons Island, Georgia. Welcome. Will Chandler.

NATS: It's a tough job, professional golf. And you have to have tremendous resilience and toughness. So, whatever you have to do, go do it, you know, if you got to go across the country to a Monday, go do it. Don't whine about it.

REPORTER: Had you all met Scottie Scheffler?

WILL CHANDLER: No, not before today. No, he's an amazing golfer. He's a great person, too. Him and Cam. They're awesome. So, I didn't know either of them, but they couldn't have been nicer.

ANNC: The 27-year-old who went to Georgia, Monday qualified. 89 guys teed it up. He was one of three to get through. I know you know the real Rudy. He's golf's Rudy. The underdog aspect of it is really impressive.

ANNC: This is got to be cool spot, if you're Will Chandler. Final Round Phoenix open with the number one player in the world and really holding your own too.

ANNC: Makes a birdie at the 12th. Finished fourth in Q school to get his PGA TOUR card. Unbelievable year.

ANNC: 15; for a birdie. Oh, he's four under for the day. The 27-year-old out of Atlanta just his third career PGA tour start.

ANNC: He's out playing world number one today; is four shots better than Scottie Scheffler

WILL CHANDLER: It feels like just yesterday I was waiting around to see if I actually got in on Monday, but it's been a wild week, but a good one for sure.

ANNC: Top ten gets him into the Mexico Open.

WILL CHANDLER: definitely, pleased with the week, but I'm excited to get back to work.

UNFORTUNATELY...CHANDLER DID NOT MAKE THE WEEKEND IN MEXICO.

And I have a lot I can improve on, for sure.

MEXICO OPEN WINNER FEATURE

ANNC: With the stunning views of nearby Puerto Vallarta, it's the Mexico Open at Vidanta where 20-year-old South African Aldrich Potgieter is trying to become one of the youngest winners in PGA TOUR history. And then you've got Brian Campbell, his second stint on the pga tour he's never had anything better than a top ten.

17;45;57 The drama continues in ~~Mexico~~ //

17;46;20 ~~Potgieter from South Africa, Brian Campbell~~ in a playoff in Mexico.

18;27;29 ANNC: Campbell with a chance to win...

18;27;47 And finally, Brian Campbell can call himself a winner. 18;28;03 The latest breakthrough victory here in Mexico!

BRIAN CAMPBELL: Grit that's the only think I can think of right now, I'm literally freaking out on the inside... to be in this position is so unreal it's awesome.

BRIAN CAMPBELL MOVED JUST OUTSIDE THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP TEN INTO 12TH POSITION HIS HIGHEST RANKING YET AND WAS REWARDED FOR HIS CONSISTENT AND RELIABLE PLAY.

18;32;22 ANNC: Brian Campbell has broken through; he's a winner on the PGA TOUR.

FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS, BRIAN CAMPBELL SOARS UP 151 SPOTS TO 12TH, HIS HIGHEST RANKING EVER.

CAREER MULLIGAN

PRODUCER: If you had one career mulligan, when would you have liked to use it and why?

JUSTIN THOMAS: Wow.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: That's tough.

BILLY HORSCHER: That's a great question.

WYNDHAM CLARK: One career.

LUDVIG ÅBERG: 11 at the Masters. Absolutely. That was quick. I was wondering,

MORIKAWA: I can think of one this year. It was against Scottie; I made bogey on 16.

I guess I would. I would have two mulligans on that hole. I would have the the birdie putt on 15.

I missed really, really badly from like, five feet.

ANNC: Oh no.

MORIKAWA: And I made bogey on 16. My first putt was horrendous.

ANNC: Another shot drop.

MORIKAWA: And that, you know, doesn't mean I'm, I was going to win, but at least I wasn't going to be giving him a shot.

THOMAS: I was like one back at the PGA at Bellerive. I was a couple of groups. I had a Brooks, and I had like a sand wedge into the the hole. It was a back left pin, and I just hit it, God awful wedge shot and back bunker and actually had a really good bunker shots like three feet. And I missed that and made bogey. I'd like that that one again because I feel like if I birdie that hole, I potentially had a chance to get some momentum and, you know, make 2 or 3 birdies coming in and maybe win another PGA. But. Oh well.

CLARK: It was at THE PLAYERS on 16, I had about a 10, 12-foot eagle putt that I read correctly, and I just missed.

ANNC: Oh, just ran out of speed.

HORSCHER: There was a putt in 2018 here on number 17 in the final round had about a eight footer for birdie and I missed it.

ANNC: Nope, nope, nope. Always left.

HORSCHER: And I went on to lip out an eagle putt on 18 and a finished I think, a shot or two behind Tiger.

SERVPRO – THE CLIMB

THE CUT PRESENTS...THE CLIMB.

ANNC: PGA National Resort highlighted by the bear trap holes, 15, 16, and 17 with the winds whipping up, it can instantly change the course of this tournament in a heartbeat.

DURING THE 2022 COGNIZANT CLASSIC IN THE PALM BEACHES, SEPP STRAKA SAT IN A TIE FOR 65TH BEFORE THE AUSTRIAN WOULD VAULT UP THE LEADERBOARD ON FRIDAY.

ANNC: Oh yeah. Leave that flagstick in, rattle it home, and Sepp Straka with a rare two here at the fifth, that's three consecutive birdies here for Sepp!

HE CARRIED THE MOMENTUM INTO THE WEEKEND AND CONTINUED TO CLIMB THE LEADERBOARD....

ANNC: There goes another one!

ANNC: This for par Sepp Straka! What a finish for Sepp Straka after striking it in the water, so he stays at -6.

ANNC: It's gonna be a tap in birdie for Straka to get in at -10.

ANNC: Sepp Straka gets it done.

SEPP STRAKA: I had a pretty bad fall. Didn't really play my best and kind of turned it around and been playing really well as of late, and it's just awesome to be able to capitalize.

KNAPP'S RUBIK'S CUBE

NATS: You just messed the whole thing up. Yeah, I know, because your colors are different than mine. So that's why it's tripping me out. Okay.

NATS: Oh, no. This is going to be the face that gets me, isn't it?

JAKE KNAPP: I remember there was a kid I looked up to on my brother's, like, high school basketball team randomly, and he was solving it, and I started messing around with it when I was like, a freshman in high school or something like that, and then eventually just want to learn how to, like, solve it faster and faster and, taught myself how to do that.

I thought in the morning it would kind of get my brain going. So, I just kind of mess around with it, solve it a couple times, make sure I could still solve it. It's mainly just like memorization.

NATS: Took a little longer but we got there.

KNAPP: Once you do it enough, your fingers just kind of takeover once you see certain colors in certain places. Once you're able to, like, solve it quickly, it is just like. Yeah, I don't know, it makes you feel good. I mean, the first time I did it in under a minute felt pretty cool. But I know those people can do it in, like four seconds, so it doesn't seem as impressive.

JAKE KNAPP SWING THEORY

MARK IMMELMAN: Rory McIlroy called him a potential superstar. He's got power. He's got touch. He's got tons of swagger. Jake Knapp is the real deal. A winner in his rookie year on the

PGA TOUR. The softly spoken Californian is built like an NFL running back, and he has the tools to overpower any golf course. The reality, though, is that Jake is still learning his craft, but it's clear that when he adds experience to his copious skills, he is likely to fulfill McIlroy's prophecy.

So here we are at address. This guy is strong. Yet he's elegant. Silky smooth. I call him the Velvet Hammer. Let's see how he does it. At address, Jake Knapp, who is just right around six feet, six foot one or so, bends over from the waist quite a lot. And look at how he allows the arms to hang well away from the body.

Watch how he will recreate that environment throughout the golf swing. Something to watch out for as well as how before he goes anywhere, when the ball is in the correct position, he hovers that driver at address.

If you struggle with a jerky start to the swing, raise that club up. Hovered above the ground ala Jack Nicklaus. We're going to let him flow all the way to the top. This is in super slow motion, but when he swings, the golf club looks very much like that big stretch in the arms.

Upper body winding up, lowering, coiling. Stretching body winding. Check out that position right about there.

This guy, in a way, looks like a John Daly. But there's a few really cool things to pay attention to. First off, see how that club faces angle is matching the forearms. That's ideal. Look at how he's turned that right glute in behind him over here. That is moved all the pressure to the heel of his trail foot. That's what gives him this really strong look across the core. See how that trail glute has moved in behind him? And that shoulder turn is just gigantic. But it's supported by the engine of the golf swing right through here.

This clubhead has got to move all the way from there, back down to there. So, as Jake transitions, see the body just begins to unwind. He hasn't tugged on the chest.

But watch what he's done here. The clubface is still matching the forearm. See that? But look at how the arms were raised up in the air have narrowed almost into his body. I mean, he's almost touching his trail shoulder with the shaft of the golf club.

The lower body here is unwinding. It's leading the chest, and the arms have narrowed into the body. So, he's creating this environment where the arms now are going to swing out back to where they originally were. So, from here, no bodies unwinding, no pushing in the legs.

But see how the arms now are beginning to extend back out in front of him? Club shaft is trailing the hands. That is magical over there. With the low body unwinding.

From here, he continues to unwind. Watch how the arms swing out to full extension.

That is absolutely slinging energy out to the drive ahead. And then by extension, of course, the golf ball. Now watching the follow through, he won't lose his spine angles and watch how quickly the club re-hinges and gets back to a place right over there.

So we'll let him go. Arms extend. Body shape doesn't change. Look at that quick re-hinge of the wrists. Now, as he continues to go, watch other hands stay close to the shoulder as he follows through. He's like a whippet. It's unbelievable.

ANNC: He chipped it just 187. Rhythmic, it's really pretty. When this young man gets hot with this club, I mean we know he can run the table with what he did in Mexico.

ANNC: It's Knapp time, it sure is look at this action. He's got so much power and speed, but he's got that off speed pitch and that is why he's finally made it out here.

ANNC: All right Jake Knapp, I mean is that the silkiest swing you've ever seen? Jeez Louise. I'll tell you what, Jake Knapp, he is fun to watch. Interesting to see if he can get enough spin on it to get close.

ANNC: Well there's some easy power in that swing. What a good start that is for Jake Knapp. Tremendous for Jake, he birdied this hole yesterday and it looks like he's gonna do it again today.

IMMELMAN: Rory called him a potential superstar. It's not just because of the power. It's because of the fact that Jake Knapp can really create shots. Check this out. This is a medium iron. It looks like seven iron or so. See how the narrow stance stands? Kind of open a little bit over there. Hands slightly ahead. This is him setting up to hit something that's going to go a little bit lower.

And you'll see that. But first I just want him to swing through this so you can almost get that rhythm to filter into your soul, so, you can feel it. Now what does he goes back. See? It's unhurried. There's no real rush. But I want you to watch for something. Even though this is into a shorter, abbreviated follow through.

Watch through this area as it goes about. It'll look like he almost slings the clubhead into the downswing. So, watch how the arms narrow. Now watch how the head gets thrown out there into the strike. It strikes the golf ball, and then he just turns that into the follow through. And that's a lot of touch. That's a lot of feel. That's a lot of creativity. So, as we take him to the top now, we're going to basically hit two spots which are there and there on either side of the golf swing. So, he turns away the narrow stance. The body turn does not diminish. See, as we go from the all the way to the top. There's the stretched arms. The same moves, almost like the driver, just not as fast, not as long. So, on the way down, you can see how he's now extended into a situation on the way through. Even though he's slinging the club hard where the glove hand is on top of the trail hand, so the left hand is on top of the right.

That's holding that club face open. So, as he goes all the way through to the follow through, now you'll see me hasn't allowed that clubface to roll over. So, he's hitting that open stance low cutty sort of a fade shot that is feathering into a hole location. So, with all that rhythm, with all that touch, with all that power, he's able to gear down. But he doesn't gear down with the length of the backswing. He's very much like Fred Couples. There's still all the moves going on there. He just varies flight and trajectory with how he controls the face through the ball and into the follow through. Jake Knapp, so much fun to watch, so much skill.

TV TIMES AND ROLLOUT

BEGINNING THURSDAY, CATCH ALL THE ACTION AS JAKE KNAPP AND DEFENDING CHAMPION, AUSTIN ECKROAT, RETURN TO THE COGNIZANT CLASSIC IN THE PALM BEACHES.

ANNC: Welcome as the latest swing through Florida on the PGA TOUR begins again same demanding course the PGA NATIONAL.

ANNC: Austin Eckroat and Jake Knapp, these two guys are young and they're both studs.

ANNC: This week he put it all together.
