

A1 – COLD OPEN

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I grew up watching people play on TPC Sawgrass for a long time.

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler! First birdie of the day! Chip-in here on the Par 3!

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: It's such a challenge and it's so hard to defeat this field and this golf course.

ANNC: The winner of the 2023 PLAYERS Championship, Scottie Scheffler!

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Being able to win THE PLAYERS was obviously really special.

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler still has a chance to become the first to ever repeat at THE PLAYERS.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: We put in all the work to be able to finish off tournaments and to play well at the right time.

ANNC: Scheffler trying to go eagle-birdie here ... here comes number one in the world!

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler is the 50th PLAYERS Champion ... and the first to go back-to-back!

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: It's tough enough to win one PLAYERS, and so to have it back-to-back is extremely special.

A2 – TITLES

WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT.

A3 – SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: BACK-TO-BACK PLAYERS CHAMPION

SCOTTIE 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: He has jumped to a tie for the lead!

JASON DAY: It's just very difficult to go back-to-back because it brings a different golf course every single day. There's a lot of pressure.

RICKIE FOWLER: It's the strongest field we play and then with the way the golf course plays, it helps if you can move it both ways. It's very much a shot makers golf course.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: When you're hitting it good, you can score low. But the minute you start getting offline, the golf course gets really difficult, really fast

COLLIN MORIKAWA: He's just so competitive that he can kind of forget about everything else and just want to execute those shots and beat everyone. I think he's able to bring that from the start of Thursday all the way through Sunday.

SCOTTIE 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: What a front nine for Scottie Scheffler – 5-under, 31.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: 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. I was very proud of how I finished off the close tournament like that.

ANNC: The champion of the 50th playing of THE PLAYERS, Scottie Scheffler!

SAHITH THEEGALA: He's probably got the best distance control in golf seen in a long time. And that's saying a lot with the amount of ball strikers that we have out on TOUR.

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

RANDY SMITH: It amazes me how good he is with numbers to pins.

SHANE LOWRY: Scotties probably got one of the best golfing brains that I've ever seen.

JUSTIN THOMAS: He stays within himself; I think that's, that's very hard to do when you get to the top. There is no part of his game that's bad. And then if you add that with, you know, a great mindset and great mentality, he's proven that he's just gonna overcome it.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I always try to go back to my preparation. I remind myself that I've done everything I could to play well, and you know, the rest is up to me. And so, if things aren't going my way, I try to stick to my process and continue to try to execute shots and not overthink things and go out there and just do the best I can each time.

**SHOULD SCHEFFLER CLAIM A THIRD PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE, HE
WOULD MATCH THE MARK SET BY JACK NICKLAUS ...**

**BUT TPC SAWGRASS WILL LOOK A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT FOLLOWING
ENHANCEMENTS TO THE STADIUM COURSE OVER THE PAST YEAR ...**

A4 – TPC SAWGRASS STADIUM COURSE ENHANCEMENTS

DAVIS LOVE III: It's always evolving and then now it's evolved to a place where maybe we've lost some of the Pete Dye edge.

JEFF PLOTTS: Davis just has an absolute passion for Pete Dye designed courses. Obviously, he's won here, and has experienced the evolution of this property.

NATS:

JEFF PLOTTS: His architect, Scot Sherman, worked with Pete in the back in the day. And so, he's the perfect fit for us here.

WHILE CHANGES WERE MADE TO MOVE BACK THE TEE BOX ON THE PAR 5, 11TH ... AND ENHANCE THE MOGULS ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF 14 ... THE MOST SUBSTANCIAL DIFFERENCE IN 2025 BRINGS NUMBER SIX BACK TO IT'S ORIGINAL ROOTS ...

JEFF PLOTTS: It's a great golf hole. But there was an element that was missing and that element that was missing from original was the tree.

DAVIS LOVE III: Pete wanted the tree to not really be in the way. But wanted you to think it was in the way. And it got to the point where it was literally in the way. It started drooping.

ANNC: I've never seen anybody hit it, but you sure do think about it.

JEFF PLOTTS: That tree kind of met its demise in 2014. The idea was to go in and redo the tee complex. And the thought was, 'hey, should we put this tree back in?'

DAVIS LOVE III: When Jeff said, 'I got one, let's go look at it.' And we walk 100 yards down in the woods to the right of six and he goes, 'this is the one.' And I go, 'well, that could be the one, and that could be the one.' And he goes, 'no, this, look at it. This is the one.'

DAVIS LOVE III: You just dig around the whole circumference of the drip line of the tree and get all the roots, and you move the whole thing. If it's done right, the tree actually can stay the same or get better.

DAVIS LOVE III: You dig the hole to get it out, but you also have to dig a hole to put it in. So the bottom of that hole has to be exactly right, because if you dig it too deep, the tree gets buried. If you dig it too high, everything around it doesn't look natural.

DAVIS LOVE III: You're talking about hundreds of thousands of pounds of earth got moved. And to get it dead level is hard to do.

JEFF PLOTTS: It looks like it's always been there. And that's always the mark of a really good project is when you're done, and it's completed, and people come and go, 'I can tell it's different, but I don't understand what changed.'

DAVIS LOVE III: Playing in THE PLAYERS Championship and winning THE PLAYERS Championship, and walking around here with Pete Dye, and the vision of it ... to be a small part of the team that's putting it back and continuing the tradition is just ... one of the most thrilling things we've done in golf course design, to be a part of this team.

A5 – RESTORING YOUR GAME

THE CUT PRESENTS RESTORING YOUR GAME ...

IN 20-16, JASON DAY SAT ATOP THE GOLFING WORLD, HIGHLIGHTED BY A TITLE AT THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP.

ANNC: Wire-to-wire champion, Jason Day, 2016 PLAYERS champion.

BUT AFTER CAPTURING TWO MORE WINS IN 20-18, DAY ENTERED A FIVE-YEAR WINLESS DROUGHT, STRUGGLING WITH HEALTH AND PERSONAL LOSS.

ANNC: He was top player in the world and then dealt with the injuries and now trying to come back.

JASON DAY: It's human nature to feel sorry for yourself. I didn't want to allow that to be a negative. I'm just trying to push through it.

BUT DAY RESTORED HIS GAME IN 20-23 AND RETURNED TO THE WINNERS CIRCLE AT THE CJ CUP BYRON NELSON.

ANNC: For the first time in five years, a winner on the PGA TOUR.

JASON DAY: To go through what I went through and then to be able to be a winner again, there's been a lot of very hard work behind the scenes that a lot of people haven't seen, and that's just the competition part of the journey.

B1 – API - EARLY WEEK

WYNDHAM CLARK: Daniel, how are you doing?

DANIEL STEELE: I'm doing good.

WYNDHAM CLARK: I'm Wyndham Clark.

DANIEL STEELE: Hey Mr. Wyndham.

WYNDHAM CLARK: Nice to meet you.

DANIEL STEELE: Nice to meet you.

WYNDHAM CLARK: I've heard some great things about you.

DANIEL STEELE: Thank you.

WYNDHAM CLARK: I heard you got silver at the Olympics.

DANIEL STEELE: Yes.

WYNDHAM CLARK: That's pretty cool. I went to the Olympics, didn't get silver unfortunately.

DANIEL STEELE: No worries.

WYNDHAM CLARK: So I'm jealous, that's really impressive.

WYNDHAM CLARK: Nice, that's incredible, perfect. Tight little draw, that was really good.

DANIEL STEELE: Yep.

WYNDHAM CLARK: There you go, that's really good.

WYNDHAM CLARK: What's your best score ever?

DANIEL STEELE: Best score, at the Wedgefield, area six competition I shot 93.

WYNDHAM CLARK: Oh amazing, that's amazing. How long have you been playing?

DANIEL STEELE: Four years, since May 2020.

WYNDHAM CLARK: Oh my gosh, even more impressive.

DANIEL STEELE: Wowee.

WYNDHAM CLARK: You haven't missed a shot yet, you're like a machine, you hit it so good. That was really good, gimme some knuckles on that, that was nice.

WYNDHAM CLARK: I'm so impressed, for four years you have an amazing golf swing.

DANIEL STEELE: Flushed it.

WYNDHAM CLARK: Yeah, just like you, a cut.

WYNDHAM CLARK: Oh, beauty.

WYNDHAM CLARK: Are you guys gonna come out and watch this week?

JIM STEELE: Yeah, I think we're going to try to get out one day.

WYNDHAM CLARK: Oh good, well please come follow me, I'd love to see you out there.

WYNDHAM CLARK: Ready.

B2 – ARNOLD PALMER INVITATIONAL CHAMPION

ANNC: Sunday at Bay Hill and things are shaping up quite nicely. It's promising to be another dramatic conclusion at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard.

NATS: From Columbus, Georgia, welcome Russell Henley!

ANNC: Outstanding the last couple of days – 68, 67. This is his ninth start at Bay Hill. His best finish came last year when he tied for fourth.

RUSSELL HENLEY: I've grown up watching this event and just seeing all the amazing finishes coming down the stretch. You never really think you're going to get that opportunity.

ANNC: This is at the par 3, 14th, just under 10 feet for Henley. And the biggest moment of his week, by far ... on the toughest hole of the day, Henley, all of a sudden, is within one with four to go!

RUSSELL HENLEY: To hang in there enough to give myself some looks is what I'll take from this day.

ANNC: Third shot on the way for Henley! On 16! Now that's incredible right there. That changes the whole outlook of this golf tournament. That flips the lead at the top. Henley trailed by three just three holes ago.

ANNC: Trying to put away the biggest win of his career.

RUSSELL HENLEY: When you get that nervous and your heart's beating that fast, it's hard to rate it. I was very nervous, though.

ANNC: Russell Henley has it! The Arnold Palmer Invitational is his!

B3 –WINNER'S WALK

ANNC: Two-under round of 70 today. Picks up that fifth win. First Signature Event win. Vaulting him into the Top 10 in the world.

RUSSELL HENLEY: I don't really feel like a Top-10 player. I have so much respect for so many players out here who are all so talented, and so it's hard for me to kind of comprehend that.

NATS: Congratulations to our 2025 Arnold Palmer Invitational winner, Russell Henley!

RUSSELL HENLEY NATS: Thanks y'all. Thanks guys.

NATS: Can I have a selfie, Russell? Thank you so much.

RUSSELL HENLEY: Seeing my name next to it is pretty cool. It puts in perspective of how big this game is.

B4 – COMCAST TOP 10

AFTER BEING RANKED 10TH EARLIER THIS SEASON, RUSSELL HENLEY IS BACK INSIDE THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10, THANKS TO TWO-CONSECUTIVE WEEKS OF CONSISTENT AND RELIABLE PERFORMANCE.

B5 – FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

AND HENLEY TRAILS ONLY FELLOW GEORGIA BULLDOG, SEPP STRAKA, IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS – MATCHING HIS HIGHEST RANKING SINCE JANUARY 20-13 ... 4,431DAYS AGO.

C1 – REJOIN

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C2 – PUERTO RICO OPEN CHAMPION

ANNC: It's Championship Sunday in Puerto Rico. Can PGA TOUR rookie Karl Vilips get his first win on TOUR.

KARL VILIPS: The front nine was pretty steady because no one was really pushing me.

ANNC: On the 8th, for birdie ... Vilips to 22-under. 4-under his first eight holes!

KARL VILIPS: I was just trying to stay in the present as best as I could. It sounds super cliché but, until that last putt drops, you gotta just do everything you can to just be in the moment.

ANNC: Nails! Third-straight birdie. He's at 25-under par ... 7-under thru 15 holes.

KARL VILIPS: Walking up it was like, ok, just one more good putt and you're a PGA TOUR champion. And that's all it took.

ANNC: Vilips ... birdies the last. A Sunday winner on the PGA TOUR! ... A 64, smashes the tournament scoring record. 26-under to win by three.

KARL VILIPS: Just trying to soak it all in at the moment. I wanted to get into THE PLAYERS and I knew that I had to win this week to do it. It's a dream come true to be able to play in that tournament.

C3 – RAFA CAMPOS – ORIGINS

RAFA CAMPOS: We have so much pride in being a Puerto Rican. The culture here is very strong.

STEPHANIE CASANOVA: I like that we're recognized as an island that is small for all the talent that comes out of here and that they know our culture, that they know how strong we are, how brave we are, and that we do our best in whatever we set our mind to.

RAFA CAMPOS: This culture is very loving, caring, respectful.

STEPHANIE CASANOVA: Having the support of Puerto Rico is extremely special. It's like having an extended family.

CARLA CAMPOS: In Puerto Rico, there's a culture of celebrating our talent, celebrating our people, and every time there's a big victory in anything Puerto Rico has a big win, the people overflow with love.

RAFA CAMPOS: This culture has made me the way I am. And it truly means the world to me to, to be able to call myself a Puerto Rican.

RAFA CAMPOS: The music from the island will always beat in your heart, guiding you as you choose the wonderful person I know you'll be. God knows that's what your tada and tudu did for me... and it changed my life.

RAFAEL CAMPOS: I always thank God for giving us the opportunity to raise these four kids, specifically Rafa. A wonderful son. I'm so proud of him.

CARLOTA CAMPOS: He's always been a cheerful kid who loves sharing with everyone. The rafa that you see is the same Rafa that he's always been since he was a kid

RAFA CAMPOS: I honestly had the best childhood, I could possibly think of. Grew up playing absolutely everything. When I was nine years old we went to Rio Mar.

RAFA NATS: I'm tellin' you, it has not changed at all in 20 years. This was the first place I actually stood with a golf club and hit a ball.

RAFA CAMPOS: My dad and my uncle had never even stepped foot on a golf course, so they figured, it's a sport that's probably going to last an hour or two. We'll take the kids, we'll leave them at the driving range. Little did they know, golf took 5-6 hours. We were still there pounding balls.

FROM RIO MAR ... TO A WINNER ON THE PGA TOUR ... RAFA CAMPOS WILL NOW REPRESENT PUERTO RICO AS HE MAKES HIS PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP DEBUT ...

RAFA CAMPOS: The amount of friends and family that are going to go there; it's so centralized for us. I would like to make sure I play four days there. Be smart about it.

ANNC: The Puerto Rico legend making it happen.

RAFA CAMPOS: Ideally, we can be in the hunt after four days. But if we really think about it, it's first time experience, first time playing THE PLAYERS. I'd be really happy with the top 10. But I'm never taking the possibility or an opportunity to win a golf tournament away.

C4 – PGA TOUR SUPERSTORE FANTASY GOLF GAME

ANNC: The 2025 PGA TOUR season is here, and now is the time to sign up and play the PGA Tour Fantasy golf game. Create or join a league and set a new roster every week, playing for bragging rights and special prizes. Sponsored by PGA Tour Superstore. Boost your points by selecting a team captain and see scores in real time with the tournament action every weekend. Sign up and play for free with the all new PGA TOUR fantasy golf game.

D1 –XANDER SCHAUFFELE EMBEDDED

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah so, Faber and Prosperity. So, I lived in this house right here to the right. 5038 Faber Way. Funny enough, looks like there's some college kids living there. When I think about it, it makes me feel really old. It's 2025 now and I graduated 10 years ago, so that's kind of wild.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Oh, we got the, we got all the boys out here.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Hey, we're on camera. No swearing, kid. You should swear after that; that was terrible. Keep practicing. Geez.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Short right. Jack? Moss?. Oh!

JUSTIN HASTINGS: It's a total privilege to be from the same school as him. And I don't think you could find much bigger fans than the guys here on the team. We love to cheer him on.

NATS: You want to hit Xander?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: No. No. Guys, I don't got this.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: If I make it, you guys get – was it 68 – you guys get to skip the next three workouts.

NATS: Oh! Wow.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Is that alright or no? I mean, you guys, you guys stretch now. It's weak. Alright, 68. Oh, my gosh. Stay in school, guys. Stay in school. There you go. Stay in school, stay in school.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: You miss it, for sure. You feel just got kid again. I think, the camaraderie, the relationships you build.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE NATS: Hey, keep going! Keep going kids! You're on camera hurry up!

RYAN DONOVAN: All right, guys, huddle up real quick.

JACK TOWNSEND: Aztecs on three; 1, 2, 3, Aztecs.

D2 – NORTHEAST FLORIDA TOUR PROS

THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP ... AND TPC SAWGRASS ... ARE FAN FAVORITES ... AS WELL AS A CONTINUED HAVEN FOR THE PRO RANKS SUCH AS JIM FURYK ... VIJAY SINGH ... BILLY HORSCHEL AND MANY OTHERS ... AND THAT TREND HAS REPEATED WITH A NEW CROP OF PLAYERS MOVING IN ...

LUDVIG ABERG: 2018, I played the Junior PLAYERS. It was one of the first times I came over and got to see Bermuda grass, but I also got to see the golf course, and now I moved to Ponte Vedra, so I see it a lot. That was one of my first tournaments in America.

NICO ECHAVARRIA: I call this place Hogwarts. It's just surreal. You have it all; the people that work here are just incredibly nice.

NATS: What's up Nico!?

NICO ECHAVARRIA NATS: How are you doing?

NATS: Good man, you?

NICO ECHAVARRIA NATS: Good.

AARON RAI: It's a fantastic course to be at. You do feel the, the weight of the venue, the weight of the history, the weight of everything that has gone before you.

AARON RAI: The one thing that I've been really surprised at in the two or three years that I've been there, is just how good it is the other 50 weeks of the year.

DEANE BEMAN: When we built the golf course one of the things that I wanted a great practice facility.

NICO ECHAVARRIA: The facilities in the back range are ... are one of a kind. I'm very happy that I made that decision of moving to Jacksonville. It's helped me a lot in my professional career.

ANNC: It has become as recognizable as any golf course the pros play around the world.

AARON RAI: Playing in those quiet moments when no one else is around, when you've got an amazing sunrise in the morning or when you've got a beautiful sunset in the evening, it's very special. I do find myself in those moments, pinching myself, that I'm actually at a course like Sawgrass, that I can call it home.

D3 – THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP TV TIMES

TPC SAWGRASS WILL BE HOME TO THE STRONGEST FIELD IN GOLF THIS WEEK – TUNE IN TO SEE IF SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER MAKES MORE HISTORY WITH HIS THIRD-CONSECUTIVE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

D4 – THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP LOOKAHEAD

DAN HICKS: THE PLAYERS Championship, and TPC Sawgrass, and the Stadium Course just has the “it factor”. It's the feeling of it; it's the aura of it. It's what it stands for.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: The best players in the world are competing, year in year out. The best field in golf, year in year out.

RORY McILROY: It's awesome to be able to call yourself a PLAYERS Champion. It's a who's who of golf over the last 50 years.

ANNC: Rory McIlroy is a PLAYERS Champion!

MAX HOMA: Everything here is big and it's manicured for us so well for the event.

VIKTOR HOVLAND: Great golf course. It just makes you uncomfortable on almost every hole, on every shot.

ADAM SCOTT: THE PLAYERS has established itself as the biggest event on TOUR.

KEEGAN BRADLEY: THE PLAYERS has elevated to another level. It's an event that we would all love win.