

2025 PGA TOUR: The CUT #13  
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COLD OPEN

ANNC: What a week in Houston, great spirit of golf in the state of Texas and in this town and a show right to the 72<sup>nd</sup> hole here.

Stephen Jaeger's been dreaming about this moment ever since he teed it up in his first PGA TOUR start. 135 starts later, this for the win. About as close as you can come to not going in. It just leaves the door open for Scheffler to try to force a playoff.

STEPHAN JAEGER: Somebody told me it was like, I think you'll be a trivia question one day. Like, who was the only guy to beat him in, like three months stretch?

ANNC: Five feet, four inches and Stephan Jaeger has broken through, a winner on the PGA TOUR!

STEPHAN JAEGER: It was my week to win. Sometimes things that work out that way and I was the happy recipient of that for sure.

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**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

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STEPHAN JAEGER 2024 HOUSTON OPEN FLASHBACK & FEATURE

STEPHAN JAEGER: I remember playing pretty poorly in Florida last year and I was working on some putting stuff and I had new putter and tried some new stuff out and, went into Houston actually not feeling 100% great, which is sometimes funny, right? You just find something and flow with it.

ANNC: It's one of the most dominant stretches we've seen on the PGA TOUR in years. This week in his home state a consistently elevated level of golf which has him trying to become the first player in 7 years to win 3 starts in a row.

STEPHAN JAEGER: The fans were actually really supportive both ways. You'd have thought, Texas guy, it's all about Scottie, but I actually felt like there was a lot of people there to pull for me, as well. It was so easy to play with. He's such a good dude and, we had a great battle I feel like Saturday and then, Sunday as well.

ANNC: Stephan Jaeger in that final threesome with Scheffler.

STEPHAN JAEGER: It came down on the last hole...

ANNC: Wow, Jaeger comes home the entire second nine with nine straight pars.

STEPHAN JAEGER: It was great to get him on that week. He was obviously on a great run and continued that great run pretty much throughout the entire season.

ANNC: Great for Stephan Jaeger, Scottie Scheffler's rue that short miss.

STEPHAN JAEGER: It was a weird moment because you want to be happy but you also I'm a competitor. I don't want anybody see anybody miss or mess up, right? But, that faded pretty quickly after my kid ran out on the on the green and Shelby was there.

ANNC: Jaeger finally gets it done at the age of 34. Smile for the camera Harrison, dad's a PGA TOUR winner.

Jaeger stared number one down coming down the stretch and won it by one.

STEPHAN JAEGER: People call it life changing events. It gives you some validation what you're doing, for sure but my life hasn't really changed that much. I think I probably work harder now than I did when I won. I want to get to the next level of being consistently winning and consistently being up there and having a chance and, sometimes you've got to look at yourself, hey, you know, like, what am I doing, right? What do I need to improve on and I think that's the biggest change, I think for me.

Last year I didn't putt well and I feel like that was a big change from this year. I've really started to putt consistently well. You know how golf goes, I haven't been driving it as well this year as I have in the years past. So, it's just kind of a give and take.

ANNC: Could be a swing in Jaeger's direction here. Just downhill right to left. Did he hit it? Oh yes he did! He has not hit a fairway in his last five holes yet here he is from 30 feet.

STEPHAN JAEGER: I've had a couple of chances to win this year, which is nice. I do feel like there's some things in my game that are better than last year, and there's a couple of things that I still need some improvement. It's golf, right? It's always a process. Not everything is perfect all the time. If that happens, you pretty much have a season like Scottie does. I gotta keep improving and being as good as I can to be able to compete, against the best in the world.

ANNC: I think this guy's future is really bright. I love the way he gets after it, plays very quickly and looks to me like he plays to win.

## **STEPHAN JAEGER WILL ATTEMPT HIS FIRST PGA TOUR TOURNAMENT DEFENSE AGAINST A FIELD THAT INCLUDES 20 OF THE TOP 50 PLAYERS IN THE WORLD.**

JAEGER: It's going to be different feels and you shake a lot of hands, and you, you do a lot of interviews. Everybody knows your name from last year and, I'm excited for that challenge. It's going to be different but I'm going to enjoy that for sure and hopefully get more chances like that in next couple years.

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## TV TIMES

**3 OF THE LAST 5 CHAMPIONS WILL BE IN HOUSTON SEEKING TO BECOME THE 10<sup>TH</sup> MULTIPLE TIME WINNER OF THE TOURNAMENT AS ACTION GETS UNDERWAY THURSDAY.**

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## TEXAS CHILDREN'S HOUSTON OPEN SIZZLE

ANNC: Houston is known as the energy capital of the world and Memorial Park has energized the golf community in this sports crazed city.

Trying to fly it just to the fringe... you kidding? Are you kidding? That's just ridiculous!

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I like trying to support as many events as I can in my home state. I definitely am a proud Texan and so I like to do what I can to support the events here at home.

ANNC: Here's Si Woo Kim... and he's going low. Oh! Si Woo with a beauty from off the green!

Oh yeah, oh yeah, could this be, for Tony? Oh my!

CHANDLER PHILLIPS: The course is unreal. This maybe the best conditioned course we've played all year.

ANNC: A lot of big names in the field this week, and the cream is rising to the top.

For the third time in his last 7 PGA TOUR starts, Tony Finau is a winner!

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## THE CLIMB

**THE CUT PRESENTS... THE CLIMB.**

**AT THE 2021 TEXAS CHILDREN'S HOUSTON OPEN, SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER POSTED AN EVEN PAR 72 IN THE OPENING ROUND AND SAT IN A TIE FOR 93<sup>RD</sup> AFTER DAY ONE.**

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler just getting his day started. Oh! How about that. Almost made it.

**BUT WITH A 62 ON FRIDAY, HE VAULTED UP TO A TIE FOR 4<sup>TH</sup>, PRIMED TO CHALLENGE FOR THE TITLE OVER THE WEEKEND.**

ANNC: He's comfortable on these grounds. How about that shot right there? Not much green to work with, had a bad day yesterday, but that was his sixth birdie in seven holes.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: There's some scoring holes out there and I'm just going to do my best tomorrow to put myself in position and hopefully make some birdies.

**SCHEFFLER FINISHED THE TOURNAMENT TIED FOR SECOND, WHICH MARKED HIS SECOND TOP TEN IN WHAT WOULD BECOME HIS BREAKTHROUGH SEASON ON TOUR WITH THREE VICTORIES.**

ANNC: Well he's knocking on the door. His game's not that far off. Great putt there. He's gonna look back at that first round 72 after the 62-69-69 to follow and perhaps try to clean up that part.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I felt like I played a lot of good golf this week without really my best stuff but I gave myself a chance to win here in the end. I'm starting to see some success, which is exciting for me.

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**KIERON VAN WYK WALK & TALK**

ANNC: Kieron Van Wyk, a senior at the College of Charleston. Amateur won the APGA Farmers Insurance Invitational at Torrey Pines. From way downtown! Look at this, amateur making a move, this is fun.

For birdie and a share of fourth. Just playing to the crowd. First PGA TOUR start. We'll see you at the Valspar Championship. Now that's just so impressive. Final group on the PGA TOUR, your first event, that's nerve wracking.

**FOLLOWING HIS T4 FINISH IN THE PUERTO RICO OPEN, AMATEUR KIERON VAN WYK EARNED ENTRY TO THE VALSPAR CHAMPIONSHIP.**

KIERON van WYK: The tournament I actually won to get into Puerto Rico was my favorite win this year so far.

ANNC: From South Africa to San Diego! Van Wyk, an amateur, is a winner at Torrey Pines.

KIERON van WYK: I was able to shoot 21 under through three rounds, so it was my all-time low. I felt calm out there, my game was feeling pretty good. You gain a lot of experience from these tournaments and putting yourself in these types of environments so yeah, this is where I'd like to be one day. Growing up, idolizing Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy, it's where the best players play, so yeah that's a goal of mine.

**THE COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON SENIOR'S IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCE IN PUERTO RICO MADE WAVES IN THE PGA TOUR UNIVERSITY RANKINGS.**

KIERON van WYK: After Puerto Rico, I broke into the top 25. Playing TOUR events is a good opportunity to catapult yourself into playing positions and guarantee yourself some status.

When you're playing golf tournaments, you become a better golfer. Putting yourself in those positions to win golf tournaments make you a better player and you gain a lot of experience from it.

The expectations are still pretty low. I'm just happy to be out here. I'm happy to play and gain more experience. Just to go out and have fun.

I still got a full schedule. I have to find a good balance between school and playing all these tournaments. I've got a bunch of assignments and quizzes I got to knock off before Thursday comes around, because once the tournament starts, I doubt I'll be opening that laptop.

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### VIKTOR HOVLAND WINS THE VALSPAR CHAMPIONSHIP

ANNC: It has been a circuitous, long journey for Viktor Hovland. That FedExCup title when you just thought he was gonna take off, challenge for majors, instead it's been quite the opposite fall from number 3 in the world to 19<sup>th</sup>.

VIKTOR HOVLAND: It's been quite the struggle the past year and a half, so for me to come back and win this tournament is quite incredible.

ANNC: Viktor Hovland's got his 7<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR win! That's a pump of the fist as if I finally got it done.

VIKTOR HOVLAND: I'm still hitting the same shots that I have been the whole year, really. I was able to time it extremely well this week and I think that is something that I'm extremely proud of that I can show up at a PGA TOUR event at one of the hardest golf courses we play all year and still win with not my best stuff.

**WITH THE VICTORY, HOVLAND NOW SITS JUST 16 SPOTS OUTSIDE THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10, WHICH CELEBRATES CONSISTENT AND RELIABLE PERFORMANCES.**

VIKTOR HOVLAND: I was not very hopeful with my game leading into this week and just goes to show this game is pretty crazy.

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### FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

**IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS, VIKTOR HOVLAND JUST 111 SPOTS TO 26<sup>TH</sup> WHILE VALSPAR CHAMPIONSHIP RUNNER-UP JUSTIN THOMAS MOVES BACK INSIDE THE TOP 10.**

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## SAHITH THEEGALA FEATURE

ANNC: That's big when you're trying to get your status out here. Trust me, that in a lot of respects is the save of the day. Yeah you're right. And more to come, no question, for years to come.

SAHITH THEEGALA: Everyone was like, it's just a matter of time when you win And for me, it was a matter of time if I win.

ANNC: Sahith Theegala is a winner on the PGA TOUR!

SAHITH THEEGALA: It gave me a lot of confidence internally, but it also showed me the blueprint you need to win during a week. It's not as complicated as all of us golfers make it seem.

You don't have to have the best week of your life. You just need to be disciplined, wait for the game to click. I know one thing that I learned is you can never force it. There's definitely been tournaments where my game feels incredible, but I force it and all of a sudden I'm not in contention, even though my game is plenty good enough to be that week.

That week showed me that I'm making a lot of progress on my game and keep doing the same things that I've been doing and keep trying to make that progress.

ANNC: Nine top 10s last season, most of anybody who didn't win an event, and he does it a lot of different ways. He can beat you with his ball striking, he can get the better of you on the greens.

SAHITH THEEGALA: It was honestly an incredible year for me mentally. I never thought I could drive the ball as well as I did last year and I almost thought that the year before, and I was still 100<sup>th</sup> in driving on TOUR, I was like, wow, I drove it great this year. I really unlocked a little bit of new potential last year. I've been very healthy luckily the last three years, and that's led to me getting better and better with my long game.

ANNC: He is an athlete and this is the money maker for Sahith Theegala. You look at top 10 total driving, he goes for par 5s as much as anybody on the PGA TOUR.

SAHITH THEEGALA: I feel like I have something to work towards now where as before, I was just kind of like, all right well whatever, if I hit the fairway and I hit a far, it's a bonus because most of the time I don't.

ANNC: Theegala playing his signature fade. Finds the fairway there, he'll have an opportunity to go for it in two.

**2025 RESULTS HAVE YET TO MATCH THE LEVELS SAHITH THEEGALA HAS BECOME ACCUSTOM TO, WITH ONLY ONE TOP-25 FINISH IN 8 STARTS THIS YEAR.**

SAHITH THEEGALA: You know, you know what you need to do in golf. Whether the results pan out or not, it's not really up to you, sometimes it's up to the golf gods or the greater beings. All you can do is put in the work and do the right things and hope it pans out for you.

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### DANNY WALKER ROOKIE FEATURE

ANNC: Unbelievable week for Danny Walker. Next to last player in the field, taking advantage of this huge opportunity. Just his 7<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start. He tied for 13<sup>th</sup> in Mexico a few weeks back, he is uncharted territory here.

### **ROOKIE DANNY WALKER'S T6 FINISH AT THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP WAS ALMOST AS UNLIKELY AS HIS ROUTE TO THE PGA TOUR.**

PA: From Bradenton, Florida, Danny Walker.

DANNY WALKER: Still seems surreal. They hand you a card and they tell you you're on the PGA TOUR but it's like, you sure? Like, you start to think back to your childhood when that dream really originated, and now that it's actually happened, it's like, I don't know how to put that into words just five-year-old me couldn't be more excited.

I was a good college player, but I was never an All American and then first year out, I played well in Canada, and then win final stage of Q school. I was like, oh wow, you know, I'm pretty close to a PGA TOUR card now, just a couple good tournaments, and I'm already there, and then lost my full status after that year. Didn't play bad, just, I think I was a little young. I need to develop a little bit more. I went through some frustrating times there in like, 2020, 2021, where just didn't feel like I was, you know, progressing.

ANNC: I like this. He took a job as a waiter at Bahama Breeze early '22, lasted two weeks, then he realized, okay, if I can somehow make ends meet financially and stay afloat, I gotta try this. Obviously, he's got ton of game

DANNY WALKER: Just kind of lost my love for the game, and my love for working at the game. So much of that was just like an internal struggle. So I think in the end, I just had more of an appreciation for this opportunity that I have, especially it's one that I'm not gonna have forever. It's kind of a unique time in my life where, if this is something I could make a reality and I just was like, I'm just going to go all in on it and just whatever happens, I'll be I'll be happy that I did that.

ANNC: This is Danny Walker. Played collegiately at UVA, first year on the PGA TOUR. Pours that one home from long distance.

DANNY WALKER: Golf makes me happy most of the time. Doesn't matter, whether that's at home or on the PGA TOUR, that makes me happy. Being with family, being with my girlfriend,

making some good coffee in the morning, just being out in nature, just the simple stuff makes me happy.

PRODUCER: And a PGA TOUR card?

DANNY WALKER: That makes me very happy. Yeah.

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### PATHWAY TO PROGRESSION: JUNIOR CAMP

KENYATTA RAMSEY: Pathway to progression is the TOUR's investment in developing underrepresented communities in golf, junior golfers, collegiate golfers and pro golfers that all have the passion to make it to the PGA TOUR. It's the first of its kind. This is about finding talent, developing that talent, giving them the resources they need to advance to the next level, and giving them the opportunity to do so.

[GRAPHIC]: *IN AUGUST 2024, PATHWAY TO PROGRESSION BROUGHT 20 OF THE BEST JUNIOR GOLFERS TOGETHER FOR A THREE-DAY GOLF CAMP AT UNC FINLEY GOLF CLUB.*

KENYATTA RAMSEY: We're out here. Sun is out. Kids are ready to golf they ball. Got a great course. Let's see what round one does.

T.D. LUTEN: There's a lot of talent here. I wanted to create, and this experience was an environment where they get a little bit more coaching than they would normally get in a competitive setting.

NATS: If you miss it right, is it more of a push or is it that that fade?

NATS: More of a push?

NATS: Okay?

T.D. LUTEN: These are great golfers, and I personally want to be around elite golfers and help them get a little better. There's so many little nuances to the game that suggestion here, suggestion there, can carry them for a long way.

ANDREW WALKER: We're going to be going to certain, certain flags. Playing a little up and down game. I'm Andrew Walker, right now we're out here at their state-of-the-art practice facility, getting to show these kids some short game techniques.

Ooh, creative. He's going up the hill, coming back down.

A lot of it comes down to course management, being able to identify when to attack, when not to attack, and when to just accept whether you need to take your medicine or be aggressive.



And creativity is important but if you try to do too much, then you might make things more complicated than they need to be, right?

Caught the low lip. Hey, great up and down is there. Great work. Great work.

SHASTA AVERYHARDT: I like that. Good shot. Place the ball back in your stance and then just hit a little Skipper in there.

My name is Shasta Averyhardt. I am a professional Tour player. I really believe that mentorship plays a big factor in players development. I had coaches that would do on course lessons for me, teaching me about course management, pre shot routine, what am I thinking? What's my strategy like?

Nice!

I think it's really important when the information is coming from someone that plays and has been in these real life situations and can share that insight to be able to help them improve.

Nice putt. Good job. Good job.

MORGAN RILEY: We're all enjoying the opportunity to be out here, really enjoying the course.

ROMAN SOLOMON: We're all playing solid. Make some putts though. Except for you, you've made enough. You're done.

TOA OFAHENGAUE: No I need one more.

ROMAN SOLOMON: Save some for us, bro. Save some for us.

MORGAN RILEY: Thank you all for coming out today, helping us.

ANDREW WALKER: Been a pleasure, getting to watch.

STACI PLA: I'm Staci Pla, I'm from West Palm Beach, Florida. Very happy to be here. The most things I've learned in my life definitely came from golf, like being patient, strategizing on the course. I think I hit the ball pretty far. I like to drive it. My full swing I like a lot and then chipping.

SHERRI PLA: All right, let's see, let's see a little short game. Give me a couple knock down shots, couple flop shots.

STACI PLA: My mom's a PGA pro, and that's why I'm playing golf today because of her. It's great to learn from her.

SHERRI PLA: Very nice, straight on it. All over it.

What I love most about Staci is her passion, her passion for life, her passion for the game of golf.

Oh yeah, oh yeah.

Staci on the golf course is a real treat to watch. She is a Tiger. She's a beast. If you're in a competition you want her on your team.

Proud of you, babe. Love you.

KENYATTA RAMSEY: We are underrepresented in a lot of things when it comes to the golf industry and when it comes to the PGA TOUR product. This program represents that we do take it seriously to help use Pathway to Progression to give every young person the understanding that they can make it as well.

SHASTA: Proud of you.

KENYATTA RAMSEY: Thank you all for coming and participating in our second annual Pathway to Progression Junior Camp. This will be the beginning of what will be fun and fast, five or six months.

Yeah, let's go.

If your ceiling is the PGA TOUR, we're gonna keep on providing you opportunities for advancement that you're gonna get there.