

2025 PGA TOUR: The CUT #18  
International Script

COLD OPEN

ANNC: It's almost a rockstar like quality as golf fans everywhere have become almost swept up in this vortex of Woods Mania.

This to get to one under par today and tie with Rinker for the lead. He's a beauty!

Record galleries, record number of media covering this event. The strategy was good, the execution even better.

People wondered after a 31-day layoff could he win his next tournament out. He's put on an unbelievable show.

The best gets even better! Tiger Woods has won again!

TIGER WOODS: What's the old saying go? Winning never gets old? That's very true.

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**WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT.**

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TIGER WOODS 1997 SWING CHANGE

PRODUCER: What was the most important swing thought in your 2000 season?

TIGER WOODS: I don't know. Whatever it was, it worked!

2000 was more of an evolutionary thing that happened from the '97 change after Augusta.

**AFTER HIS WIN AT THE 1997 MASTERS AND SHORTLY BEFORE HIS TRIUMPH AT THE '97 CJ CUP BYRON NELSON, TIGER WOODS EMBARKED ON A JOURNEY TO REVAMP HIS SWING.**

BUTCH HARMON: He wanted to change his swing to get better. You'd say, why would someone change their golf swing when they've had so much success? One of the beauties of Tiger Woods is he was never satisfied.

TIGER WOODS: I didn't like the way I played. I didn't like the way my swing looked on video. I didn't like the way I felt through the ball, so I decided, you know, I don't like it, let's change it.

There's no way I could play consistently with my old swing. I'd have weeks where yeah, I'd win, but I'd also have weeks where I'd be either missing cuts or barely making cuts and then not doing anything on the weekend. It was either all or nothing.

ANNC: Get down...and it finds the creek that runs along the left side. He just seems a bit edgy, not happy, he's not playing as well as he would have liked.

TIGER WOODS: I wanted to have a bad week where I finished tenth, or I'd play terrible and finish like 15<sup>th</sup>. It took a little bit longer than I thought but it was well worth it.

BUTCH HARMON: The club was pointed a little across the line, not down the line towards the target. The club was getting a little stuck behind him coming down, meaning the club was a little back behind his body because he had such a fast body. So, we wanted to clean those little things up.

**GOOD THINGS TAKE TIME – EVEN FOR THE BEST PLAYER IN THE WORLD. DESPITE CRITICISM FROM ONLOOKERS, TIGER AND BUTCH WORKED TIRELESSLY FROM 1997-1999 TO FIND THE KEY TO THAT CONSISTENCY. QUIETLY AWAITING THE MOMENT, OR THE SEASON, THE RESULTS WOULD SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.**

BUTCH HARMON: This is August 25<sup>th</sup>, 1993. This is the first time I ever saw him. To show you what strength does in a golf swing, watch the club face in the next frame. See how flipped over that is? That's just not having any strength at all. You can see the difference in the positions at the top of the swing, huge changes there. But what you start to see on the way down is very interesting because you'll see on the left, the club gets stuck behind his body on the right you can see the difference in the shaft angle coming down. See how square that club face is, show it to you here, and show it to you here. So, strength and technique had a lot to do with that. Just that picture alone 7 years later shows you everything that we worked on.

We had worked hard. '99 was going to be a good year. And I get this call from him.

TIGER WOODS: Right before the (Byron) Nelson, I hit a few shots on the range just the way I wanted to.

BUTCH HARMON: I could tell from the energy and excitement in his voice. He says, "Butchie, I've got it. I think I've got it. Everything we've worked on; I feel it now"

TIGER WOODS: Finally, after about a year and a half of work, we came together, and from then on, I think I've only finished outside of the top 10 twice since then.

BUTCH HARMON INTERVIEW: I was like, oh something really special is about to happen here, we're in for something we've never seen before.

ANNC: He wins here at Memorial!

ANNC: Tiger's number one in the world again!

ANNC: Again, Tiger Woods prevails!

ANNC: The legend grows! The best season of the quarter century on the PGA TOUR!

TIGER WOODS: I won 8 times that year. That was a good year. I know you saw the PGA at Medinah, but the entire year was a big step in the right direction. Things just hit and I went on a nice run for a few years and then, once it all started to roll in 1999, it just rolled into 2000.

ANNC: What do you think about that?!

**TIGER WOODS' 2000 SEASON REMAINS UNRIVALED, AS THE HALL OF FAMER SECURED 9 VICTORIES, INCLUDING 3 MAJORS, FINISHED IN THE TOP 5 IN 8 OTHER TOURNAMENTS, AND ACHIEVED A COMBINED SCORE OF 263 UNDER PAR ACROSS 20 STARTS.**

ANNC: You can't, you can't do that!

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COLLIN MORIKAWA & ABBY HUI REUNION TRIVIA

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Do you mind if I join you? How are you doing?

ABBY HUI: Good.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Do you want to go play a hole or two or three?

ABBY HUI: Yeah.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Yeah?

Give me a hug. Give me a hug. How are you doing?

ABBY HUI: Good.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: I heard you're killing it.

PRODUCER: Okay, doing a little trivia today. Collin, it's like a yearly tradition.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: This is. Well, time out. She didn't even come last year. She didn't want to see me. That's why I didn't play well last year.

ABBY HUI: Okay. School stuff, guys. Wait, wait. I heard about your controversy on cereal.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: It's not a controversy. It's just ...

ABBY HUI: Milk before cereal?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Yeah. All right, let's get this show on the road. Collin's going to win.

*[QUESTION - TEXT ON SCREEN]: How fast can an alligator run at top speed?*

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Is this in miles per hour or kilometers per hour?

ABBY HUI: I don't know. I don't know. So...

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Here, go run and I'll put out a, I'll put on one of those speed guns and I'll see how fast you can run and maybe then you run faster than a gator.

ABBY HUI: No, I don't have any sense of speed.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Ready?

PRODUCER: Three. Two. One. Reveal.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Please be over 20. Yes!

*[QUESTION - TEXT ON SCREEN]: How many dimples are on an average golf ball?*

ABBY HUI: 392?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Oh, but it's like the price is right, like you can't go over.

ABBY HUI: I can't go over?!

COLLIN MORIKAWA: I'm kidding, I'm kidding.

ABBY HUI: Oh.

*[QUESTION - TEXT ON SCREEN]: The state flag of Louisiana features what fish-loving animal on it?*

COLLIN MORIKAWA: I mean, I would think a gator, but that's not right. Like, I'm thinking like a bird. Like a, like a pelican. Do they have pelicans out here?

No way. Oh, my.

ABBY HUI: What did you put? Oh man.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: They definitely thought I was going down wrong.

*[QUESTION - TEXT ON SCREEN]: Which university is New Orleans is home to the Green Wave and has Riptide the Pelican as a mascot?*

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Riptides and pelicans ... I don't think it's LA Tech, I'm gonna go... Loyola?

ABBY HUI: Oh, wait, I knew that. Oh, my gosh, I knew that. I'm telling you.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: I might buy a house out here. What are the state taxes in Louisiana?

ABBY HUI: You should get yours right by mine. Like right by mine.

*[QUESTION - TEXT ON SCREEN]: Zurich is donating \$25,000 to the First Tee of Greater New Orleans. What mammal can weight nearly 25,000 pounds at its biggest?*

COLLIN MORIKAWA: They're bringing back the wooly mammoth. You know, that's what I'm hearing.

ABBY HUI: Ready?

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Stop! There's got to be a species of a whale. That's 25,000. No! No! No!

ABBY HUI: Yes!

PRODUCER: All right, here's the tiebreaker. For this one, quickest one wins, and you don't need to write it down. Name any golfer.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Collin Morikawa.

ABBY HUI: I didn't even think about it.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Okay, we're gonna call it a tie. That I won the tie breaker.

ABBY HUI: Okay. All right.

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#### BEN GRIFFIN & ANDREW NOVAK WIN ZURICH CLASSIC OF NEW ORLEANS

ANNC: Looking for their first victory on the PGA TOUR, Ben Griffin and Andrew Novak.

Griffin for birdie. This looks good! Oh he may have just sealed the deal! What a putt from Ben Griffin here at the 71<sup>st</sup> hole!

BEN GRIFFIN: For both Andrew and I, it kind of felt like it was only a matter of time out here.

ANNC: And it's worth the wait for Ben Griffin and Andrew Novak! They team up for their first win on the PGA TOUR and they will celebrate tonight!

BEN GRIFFIN: We both put ourselves in the mix a bunch. Just a lot of hard work between both of us, it means the world to finally get it done.

ANDREW NOVAK: You never really know when you're going to get your first one. Luckily I had Ben there for me today. He carried down the stretch and just so exciting to get our first win together.

**THANKS TO ANDREW NOVAK'S RECENT RUN OF CONSISTENT AND RELIABLE PLAY, HE MOVES TO 6<sup>TH</sup> IN THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10**

ANDREW NOVAK: Coming into this week, I knew I was playing well, Ben's been playing good golf, this is a perfect golf course for us... there was a lot of confidence coming into this week for sure.

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FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

**IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS, ANDREW NOVAK BREAKS INTO THE TOP 10 FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS CAREER, WHILE BEN GRIFFIN ACHIEVES A CAREER-BEST RANKING OF 21<sup>ST</sup>.**

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MULLIGAN MOMENTS

**THE CUT PRESENTS MULLIGAN MOMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL.**

ANNC: Tommy Fleetwood, oh did he hit it fat? Yes he did.

ANNC: Try to two hop it in, one two dunk. Oh that was a lot longer shot than it looked like. Come on Tommy. Tommy! Saving par, getting it done! Who needs the putter?

ANNC: Now Rickie, do you just take your medicine here? Looks like he's gonna try to kind of just take it into the slope there. Yeah, kind of trickle it down.

ANNC: Rickie Fowler trying to save his par from off the green here at the fourth. Oh that is stealing one right there by Rickie Fowler!

ANNC: Oh. Everybody watching at home just said "I can do that."

ANNC: Second one, a lot of turf with him. Oh! Doesn't matter. Putter makes up for a lot.

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SOUTH KOREAN WINNERS AT THE CJ CUP BYRON NELSON

ANNC: A new winner on the TOUR, Sangmoon Bae!

ANNC: Breakthrough win, the Byron Nelson for 31-year-old Sung Kang.

ANNC: A dream come true for K.H. Lee, his first PGA TOUR win!

ANNC: K.H. Lee defends his title at Byron Nelson.

ANNC: Breakthrough victory in America.

ANNC: Huge Putt for Sung Kang! You think he wants to win it?

ANNC: K.H. Lee the third Korean-born player to win the Byron Nelson.

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### GROWING ROOTS INTRO

LAUREN WITHROW: This week the PGA TOUR heads to TPC Craig Ranch in Dallas, Texas for THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson.

South Korean golfers have won this event three of the last five times. Korea's presence on the TOUR has been steadily growing since 8-time TOUR winner K.J. Choi became the first from his country to earn a TOUR card 25 years ago. Now Choi, a Dallas local, is inspiring and mentoring a new generation of golfers from his nation.

Here's a look at the rise of brotherhood among South Korean golfers on the PGA TOUR.

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### GROWTH OF SOUTH KOREAN GOLFERS ON PGA TOUR

ANNC: Tom Kim has gone back-to-back in the desert! The winner for the second straight time at the Shiners Children's Open!

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: The Koreans definitely bring the heat, no doubt.

ANNC: K.H. Lee! Defends his title at the Byron Nelson!

We've known that Sungjae Im was gonna get to this moment. Gets his win for the first time!

SUNGJAE IM [Korean]: *Since Korea remains one of the strongest representatives of Asian golf, I feel a deep sense of pride.*

ANNC: 21-year-old Si Woo Kim from South Korea! He is the youngest PLAYERS champion, ever!

SI WOO KIM [Korean]: *The landscape of Korean men's golf has changed.*

ANNC: Another man from South Korea has won on the PGA TOUR! Joining K.J. Choi is Y.E. Yang!

K.J. Choi becomes the first Korean to qualify to play full time on the PGA TOUR. It's become an international game.

**SOUTH KOREA HAS ESTABLISHED DEEP ROOTS ON THE PGA TOUR, WITH NUMEROUS DEFINING MOMENTS OVER THE LAST QUARTER CENTURY... BUT NONE MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN K.J. CHOI PLANTING THE SEED AS A PIONEER... MAKING HISTORY AS THE FIRST OFFICIAL KOREAN PGA TOUR PLAYER IN THE 2000 SEASON.**

SUNGJAE IM [Korean]: *Of course with K.J. Choi being the first Korean to compete on the PGA TOUR, many of us Korean golfers grew up watching him play on TV.*

ANNC: K.J. Choi is your 2002 champion and they are celebrating in Seoul, Korea!

SUNGJAE IM [Korean]: *His success inspired future generations of junior golfers and opened countless doors for us.*

BYEONG HUN AN [Korean]: *In both golf and life, breaking barriers is never easy. My generation grew up admiring K.J. Choi as a trailblazer, the first Korean to not only compete in America but to also win multiple times.*

ANNC: And KJ Choi is a PLAYERS Champion! Tears of joy. Biggest championship of his career.

SI WOO KIM [Korean]: *He's shared stories of using physical maps to get to tournaments in a time before Google Maps. The environment was much tougher back then, and as a pioneer, he had to figure out everything from scratch which is incredible. Today's players have it much easier, which makes us deeply respect his achievements as we strive to follow in his footsteps.*

**FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS THEY DID, AS MORE THAN 14 SOUTH KOREANS HAVE EARNED THEIR PGA TOUR CARDS SINCE K.J. CHOI'S ARRIVAL IN 2000.**

K.J. CHOI [Korean]: *Over the last 25 years, seeing so many younger players following in my footsteps, working hard, and staying dedicated... it makes me proud. Watching them play and succeed in events like the Presidents Cup is truly admirable and it gives me hope that the next generation will achieve even greater things. I'm really just grateful.*

PRODUCER: You're considered the godfather of Korean golf. When you hear this, what are you feeling?

K.J. CHOI [Korean]: *When I first heard it, it felt refreshing. At the same time, I thought, "Am I really that old already?" Seeing that many of the younger players are around my son's age, I*



*realized it might be true. Still, I felt proud to be held in that regard by the younger players and it reminded me to look after them even more.*

S.H. KIM [Korean]: *He's someone who always puts others before himself. He cares for those around him, offers guidance, and helps those in need. As an elder, he's been a tremendous role model, and I've learned so much from him.*

JOHN HUH [Korean]: *I believe K.J. Choi being in Dallas has definitely influenced many Korean players' decisions to move here.*

ANNC: I'm sure there'll be some celebrating in South Korea and even a little more in Dallas where Si Woo Kim lives, along with a lot of other South Koreans in Texas.

SI WOO KIM [Korean]: *With many of us Korean players in Dallas, it's nice that we can grab food and play rounds together on our off weeks.*

S.H. KIM [Korean]: *Being alone in America, I'm grateful for K.J. Choi's kindness. He takes care of us, invites us into his home, and even provides food for us. In many ways, he feels like a father figure to us.*

ANNC: From Dallas, Texas – please welcome K.J. Choi

K.J. CHOI [Korean]: *Still, Korea will always be home. It's the reason my name, K.J. Choi, is recognized alongside 'South Korea' on golf's international stage. Korea has always been a warm and comforting place for me. My country. I take great pride in being Korean, which is why I have the flag on my shoes and bag. Representing my country always fills me with joy and pride.*

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### GROWING ROOTS CLOSE

LAUREN WITHROW: Since Sangmoon Bae became the first South Korean to win the event in 2013, South Korea leads all other nations at the Byron Nelson with 4 champions. Can you call it a home course advantage if home is 7,000 miles away?

Watch out for the South Korean competitors this week in Dallas.

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### PGA TOUR RADIO – BEHIND THE BROADCAST

TOM WERME: My name's Tom Werme. I'm part of the PGA TOUR radio play by play team. We're going to go behind the scenes and get a little bit of look of what we do and what goes into working at a PGA TOUR event. Come along with us and see what it's all about.

Rolls this one down to the hole, to the cup and right into the middle. He's two for two.

So, my group today is Si Woo Kim and Justin Thomas, who I've been following the last couple days. I will make a couple of notes myself and just kind of scribble them at the bottom and here's my Justin Thomas notes in my scratch that I can understand. This is great all to have, but once you're out on the golf course, things can happen very, very quickly.

This is for a five, copy. Ball down.

Thomas, putting it down 20ish.

RANDY: That's what Joe is trying to figure out, right?

TOM WERME: Yeah, yeah. He does that a lot. Thomas gardening, ball is not down 16.

If we can provide the picture of what we see, that's what they want to hear and all those little details like I was telling you about, every detail is on the table.

These little cat tails keep falling out of the live oaks and long leaf pines that surround the greens, and we've been playing here since 1969 Arnold Palmer took the first one. Pulls it back with a smooth stroke to the cup and Si Woo Kim rolls it right into the middle. He goes to 11 under, birdie at one!

I've been waiting to drop the Arnold Palmer nugget all week.

Sends it into the South Carolina sky and leans left. Ball coming down to the green, takes a bounce on a ridge, shoots it right toward the back right edge, trying to hang on the green... and it might have slipped on down. It did, and it ran into a microphone on the back edge of the green that held it up.

Golf ball?

NATS: It's in there.

TOM WERME: It's under the mic?

NATS: Yeah, yeah.

TOM WERME: Okay. It's actually in a sprinkler head underneath one of the two microphones. Did you check off sprinkler head microphone area on the Thomas bingo card?

Trex, we'll take it directly to the green at 18. If that works for you.

Thomas looks down the line, and now the golf ball has his attention, making the stroke out to the right, breaking back to the left to the cup, right in the middle for birdie. Justin Thomas at 18, a little fist pump with the right hand, waist high. Caps the day off with a birdie. Justin Thomas, 18 holes to go, and 14 under par!

Two shot swing on the last hole? Come on.

Thomas coming our way. I got your roll. Sorry, we have to interview again for the third day.

JUSTIN THOMAS: You're good. You're fine. It sure as hell beats the alternative.

TOM WERME: Thanks, man. That was That was crazy. That was crazy.

Okay, here we go with Justin...

JUSTIN THOMAS: Moral or the story is hit the fairways, hit the greens on my end, and don't have to worry about that.

TOM WERME: Thank you so much for your time, and good luck tomorrow, Justin.

JUSTIN THOMAS: Appreciate it.

TOM WERME: Thank you. Thanks everybody. See ya. That's it. That's how we roll on PGA TOUR radio.