

2025 PGA TOUR: The CUT #4
International Script

COLD OPEN – JASON KENNEDY AND NICK DUNLAP

PRODUCER: Morning, Nick.

NICK DUNLAP: How are you? How are you guys?

PRODUCER: Good. Good to be back?

NICK DUNLAP: Yeah. Where am I looking? To you?

PRODUCER: Me, you're looking at me. Quiet on set. We good? I want to transport us back to ten months ago. How are you kind of prepping for the AmEx?

JASON GORE: Well, Nick, a year ago you were a student at the University of Alabama, the first player as an amateur to come out and win on the PGA TOUR since 1991, and now you're the Rookie of the Year. So, on behalf of the PGA TOUR and all your friends and peers who voted for you, I'm very honored to hand you the Arnold Palmer trophy, and now you can stop calling me. Congratulations.

NICK DUNLAP: I appreciate it. Thank you man.

JASON GORE: Super proud of you.

NICK DUNLAP: Oh, this is sweet. Thank you, man, I appreciate it.

WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT.

JASON KENNEDY AND NICK DUNLAP PART 1

JASON KENNEDY: Nick Dunlap just had a really good day. He was named PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year at 20 years old and honestly, after the season he's had...

ANNC: Nick Dunlap wins the American Express.

JASON KENNEDY: ... it's hard to find a stat attached to his name that doesn't blow your mind. He's won as an amateur and professional in the same year, the only person to ever do that. He's getting compared to Tiger Woods, but after spending the day with him, I feel like he's just worried about what kind of blinds to put up in his new condo.

NICK DUNLAP: So, the first thing is for the new place is get electric blinds.

JASON KENNEDY: It's almost like just two guys kicking it in front of the fireplace. So that's kind of the idea of this.

Are you getting feet pics?

NICK DUNLAP: You can sell those.

I started my first semester, I think I only...

JASON KENNEDY: Oh, there's the train, beautiful. Good night, everybody.

This is an absolute honor and pleasure. This facility is unbelievable.

NICK DUNLAP: Remarkable, isn't it?

JASON KENNEDY: Yeah, I was just talking with Coach. You left at the perfect time, so you really didn't get a chance to experience this, right? What was that experience like for you just kind of walking in here for the first time and seeing the beauty of it all?

NICK DUNLAP: It was neat. I got to see literally the blueprints of it. So, I saw the golf course, what it was supposed to be, and then Coach Seawell would bring us out here and it's like, "Oh, this is going to be where the facility is. This is the golf course. This is the chipping green. This is," and it's literally just dirt and rocks and a Tree, but to see it go from that to this is unbelievable.

JASON KENNEDY: Something tells me you'll always have a key fob whenever you want to come through this place because you're now amongst the greats and as you walk here, at 21 years old you see, you know, JT who's now a friend of yours and a lot of these guys and your name is in the mix.

NICK DUNLAP: Yeah, it's neat. It really is. It's very like I said, it's a very very humbling. They've got so many great players to come through here and to just be on a short list of them's nice.

JASON KENNEDY: Do you try to not think about stuff like that and just in your head tell yourself, I'm a normal kid here in Alabama, or do you think about some of...

NICK DUNLAP: I try to embrace it. I think it's fun. I grew up an Alabama guy, I went to school here, I love wearing the colors, I love repping it. I still have the script A on my bag, and it'll always be a part of me.

JASON KENNEDY: I love it. Well, as we make our way down here...

NICK DUNLAP: That was the National Championship team.

JASON KENNEDY: We see a couple of guys in there. Barack Obama is there, we got JT.

NICK DUNLAP: Yeah, Justin, Bud.

JASON KENNEDY: Look at Tom Lovelady.

NICK DUNLAP: Yeah. Robbie Prater on the end.

JASON KENNEDY: You got Willy over there. Yeah. Some of these guys I know. Doesn't JT look like he's on his best behavior? Just going oh my gosh the president his hand is on my back right now.

NICK DUNLAP: Oh my gosh.

JASON KENNEDY: Alright so let's come in here because there's some pretty impressive hardware and I do not want to bury the lead because just a couple of hours ago, this Rookie of the Year, Arnold Palmer trophy, has been moved right here. They said that you can take it home, don't worry, but for right now, it's going to sit right here and you've had a couple of hours to process. Where are you at with it?

NICK DUNLAP: That's so, it's so cool. I mean, I looked at the list of the guys that have won it, and it's very humbling, that's for sure. To skip some of the stages that I was lucky enough to do it and to be on the PGA TOUR now, living out my dream and to win that award is pretty cool.

JASON KENNEDY: Second youngest after Jordan Spieth, he won it in 2013. You going to talk to Jordan about this?

NICK DUNLAP: Yeah, I'll talk to him out there. That's what's so cool about the guys out there is they still kind of are my idols and my role models, but now they're friends of mine, which is, it's really, really cool for me.

ANNC: For the first time since 1991, an amateur has won on the PGA TOUR!

JASON KENNEDY: Your first TOUR win at the American Express, mom, I go back to the video in my head, and she's like, oh my gosh, oh my gosh. As a dad, I get emotional because I Picture...

NICK DUNLAP: I wasn't crying until I started to see them cry, and I was done.

JASON KENNEDY: What do you remember about that moment of just taking it in, not just winning your first tournament, but seeing your parents there and adding that extra level of emotion?

NICK DUNLAP: Yeah, just them being there, honestly. That's all I want for them, is they almost didn't want to have a kid just because they wanted to travel. I'm like, well, here you go. Now you can travel all you want.

JASON KENNEDY: Think they're happy now?

NICK DUNLAP: Yeah, I just want them to come out and watch me and have a good time.

JASON KENNEDY: I got the sense that mom is still processing all of this.

NICK DUNLAP: A little bit.

JASON KENNEDY: Because I go back to the press conference when you decided to turn pro...

NICK DUNLAP: Choosing the University of Alabama is by far the greatest decision I've ever made. Didn't think I was gonna cry, and uh...

JASON KENNEDY: She's up there handing you Kleenexes, because she's just so emotional.

NICK DUNLAP: I am turning professional. I'm accepting my PGA TOUR membership, and I'm gonna debut at the Pebble Beach AT&T Pro-Am.

JASON KENNEDY: But this is new territory for everybody. Who's processing this more, you, mom, dad, all of you?

NICK DUNLAP: Everybody, everybody, it's all a new world and just me kind of getting thrown up to the, thrown into the grown-up world a little bit. I mean, I got thrown into some stuff that I didn't even like, pay taxes, how do I, you know, I bought a place in South Florida. I'm like, I don't know how to do any of this. Get furniture in, so they're there every step of the way.

ANNC: Second win of the year there for Dunlap. Winning the Barracuda Championship.

NICK DUNLAP: I've learned that these moments, they come and go quickly and especially in professional golf, you know, Reno this year is like, "Okay, I won on Sunday, well I'm playing Thursday at 3M."

JASON KENNEDY: It's on to the next, so fast, right?

NICK DUNLAP: You're onto the next. So, I'm trying to get better with soaking up the small things, enjoying them, enjoying this because it will come and go quickly.

JASON KENNEDY AND NICK DUNLAP PART 2

JASON KENNEDY: Let's jump upstairs.

NICK DUNLAP: Yeah, let's do it.

JASON KENNEDY: I want to go back a little bit.

NICK DUNLAP: A little donor space up there.

JASON KENNEDY: Yep.

I remember talking to JT and he still is understanding what it's like to be friends with Tiger. I think he gets it now...

NICK DUNLAP: Yeah.

JASON KENNEDY: ...but in the beginning, I think for a lot of the guys, I mean this is your hero, this is an icon, like you were saying. You were with him not too long ago in the Bahamas. Do you have questions prepared before you meet him? How was that interaction?

NICK DUNLAP: You kind of just lose your questions when you see him. I was talking to Akshay 'cause we did that Hero shot where you hit off the mat into a small little green.

ANNC: Our youngest competitor in the Hero World Challenge field this week from Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Ladies and gentlemen, Nick Dunlap!

NICK DUNLAP: He came to me and said "Hey, were you nervous?" I'm like, "Yeah." Like, I was really nervous to hit in front of him. It was my first-ever time hitting shots in front of him, and just to be in his presence is neat.

TIGER WOODS: Amazing start to his career, and it's going to be an unbelievable career.

NICK DUNLAP: If you had told me in January, "Hey, you're going to be a two-time winner, and you're going to be at Tiger's event in the Bahamas" I'd have called you crazy.

TIGER WOODS: There you go. Good Shot, dude.

JASON KENNEDY: This was your old stomping grounds, huh?

NICK DUNLAP: This is my hangout spot. I don't know if I was really allowed to be out here or not, but I would come out here, a bunch of my sunsets. I'd run the stadiums, run the track. It was just kind of my little chill place.

JASON KENNEDY: What drew you to this place specifically?

NICK DUNLAP: For whatever reason in Tuscaloosa the sunsets are gorgeous. I don't know why but yeah, I just come put my earbuds in, I'd run the track, run stadiums and just hang out here.

JASON KENNEDY: Any good life advice from Ludwig or JT?

NICK DUNLAP: Justin said it on 18 green at AMEX, just soak it all in. And I know he meant in that moment, but I've kind of taken it to this entire season. I think that's when I started to play

well, was middle of the year, and I always dreamed of doing this and first part of the year, I'm like, all right, I've got to do this. I'm always looking at the future and what I need to get better on and I think that's when I started to play a little bit better.

JASON KENNEDY: Have you and Scottie talked about 2024 and argued over who you think had a better year?

NICK DUNLAP: Yeah, I'll argue with him on that. Yeah, he..

JASON KENNEDY: Who wins?

NICK DUNLAP: H didn't play that great, I think, but no, his season's, you know, unbelievable.

JASON KENNEDY: Well, obviously wins-wise, but just in the sense of what you've been able to accomplish, what he's been able to accomplish, it's just the rarest of the rare.

NICK DUNLAP: I appreciate that. It's nice to be in his company for sure.

BLADES BROWN PRO DEBUT

MODERATOR: Blades, making your first start on TOUR as a professional this week. How are you feeling heading into your first round on Thursday?

BLADES BROWN: I'm so pumped. When I was playing Myrtle Beach Classic for my first event, I cannot put into words how I was feeling on that first tee, and ever since then I've been itching to get back out there.

STARTER: From Nashville, Tennessee... Blades Brown.

BLADES BROWN: It's so fun. I don't even know any of these people and their like, 'Blades, Blades, Blades, Blades.' It's so electric being here. It gives me momentum and courage for future events.

ANNC: For the second straight week on the PGA TOUR, a 16-year-old amateur makes the cut and plays really well.

FOLLOWING A T26 FINISH IN HIS FIRST TOUR START, BLADES BROWN MADE THE DECISION TO FOREGO COLLEGE AND TURN PRO IN DECEMBER, MAKING HIS PROFESSIONAL DEBUT VIA A SPONSOR EXEMPTION AT THE AMERICAN EXPRESS.

BLADES BROWN: Turning professional was a very difficult decision, but it was the best decision. When someone comes up to you and says, "hey, do you want to play on the PGA TOUR" I'm like, yeah, a hundred percent, let's do it.

It's been a dream of mine for forever to be able to play on the PGA TOUR, and I want to get better, and I feel like you're put in a position out here where you have to get better. Playing against people such as Xander Schauffele, Scottie Scheffler, I mean you learn from the best and I feel like that's life, you learn each and every day. You know, I'm probably not going to be going to school in college, but I am going to be going to school on the PGA TOUR, so that sounds pretty good to me.

This is going to be a process, and you know, processes there are hills and valleys and I'm lucky enough to where I have an awesome team around me supporting me, and I'm just super excited to go through this journey along with them. Whatever happens is going to happen.

Competing as a 17-year-old is awesome. It's hard to not have fun playing on the PGA TOUR.

AFTER A SECOND ROUND 64, WHICH INCLUDED EIGHT BIRDIES IN A NINE-HOLE STRETCH, BROWN COULDN'T KEEP THE PACE SATURDAY AND MISSED THE 54 HOLE CUT.

BLADES BROWN: My dad always says, 'You win, and you learn,' and I'm definitely going to learn from this experience.

THE AMERICAN EXPRESS WINNER FEATURE

ANNC: Welcome to Sunday at The American Express. Someone today will add his name to the list of storied winners here in the California desert.

The stage is set now for Sepp Straka. One word, champion. He birdied the first today and never looked back. Sepp Straka is back in the winner's circle! He is the champion of the 2025 American Express.

SEPP STRAKA: On this golf course you can't let up. Just really excited about the way I handled the pressure today.

THANKS TO STRAKA'S STEADINESS OVER THREE DIFFERENT COURSES IN THE CALIFORNIA DESERT, HE SURGES INTO THE NUMBER TWO POSITION OF THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOP TEN WHICH REWARDS CONSISTENT AND RELIABLE PERFORMANCE.

FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

AND WITH HIS VICTORY, STRAKA CLIMBED 23 SPOTS TO SECOND IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS.

MATTHIEU PAVON LOOK BACK

MATTHIEU PAVON: I love America since I'm young, since I'm 16, I decided that I wanted to come here and compete. Feels like you can achieve your dream, there are like no people telling you cannot, and that's something that I really liked. When I came here and I was 16, like everybody tried to help me to achieve and to see to these dreams and this is what make me fall in love with America.

ANNC: He's 31 years old, Frenchman. Been a professional for a decade now, he's 92nd in the world and has taken advantage of a new entry system to the PGA TOUR through the DP World Tour.

MATTHIEU PAVON: First timer on the PGA TOUR I was really discovering America, discovering all these new tournaments, just new golf courses in states. I became better and better, won my first tournament on the PGA with Torrey.

ANNC: This is for the win. Never a doubt! All the way. France has a first.

MATTHIEU PAVON: I got into my first Masters, a final group into a major at the U.S. Open. I didn't know really what to expect from the PGA TOUR itself. The atmosphere, the toughness of the golf course, the strength of the field. There are some stuff which is quite different than the DP World Tour, but I don't know, I just came with very low expectations. Just trying to focus on me, improving my game and trying to do my best every time I showed up, and this is what happened. I had a very nice win early in the season which gave me a little bit of more confidence and momentum through my seasons and it was overall just a very nice first year here.

ANNC: 185 starts in Europe to get that first win and then since then, the confidence

Find something and then believe.

MATTHIEU PAVON: The biggest thing was for me to go back to Europe, play few tournaments there, see the people in France and Europe, very cheering for me. That was a first time. I wasn't expecting as much love.

Everything kind of, like everything I dreamed about become reality finally. Got finally to buy a house in West Palm, where I dream since so many years coming there and practice with the best players in the world. My only advice is like to enjoy every moment, keep the expectation low and just try to enjoy every moment, that's for me the biggest things.

FARMERS INSURANCE OPEN – WILLIE MACK III

MARK WELCH: We're about to surprise Willie Mack and let him know that he is a sponsor's exemption into the 2025 Farmers Insurance Open.

You know, I get the lucky opportunity today to be able to give you some good news, which is that we are thrilled to inform you that you're going to be the Farmers sponsor's exemption into the 2025 Farmers Insurance Open.

WILLIE MACK III: That was special.

I don't know, you just don't get those those opportunities and I think more it was my first PGA TOUR event, and my dad wasn't there because of COVID so he'll definitely be here this time and hopefully I can play well in front of him and everybody there.

They gave me an exemption to the Farmers.

FATHER (PHONE): No?!

WILLIE MACK III: Yeah.

FATHER (PHONE): Congratulations. Oh, my goodness. Woo I'm proud.

WILLIE MACK III: I feel like my game is definitely gotten better since that start I got in 2021. Like I said, I just hopefully I can peak at the right time and play well, and Farmers has definitely been a big support in my my golfing career, and I can't thank them enough.

FATHER (PHONE): I'm happy. I'm happy for you.

WILLIE MACK III: Oh, thanks.

FATHER (PHONE): Congratulations.

WILLIE MACK III: All right, thank you.

FATHER (PHONE): That work gonna pay off.

WILLIE MACK III: Right. It's uh, it'll be special.

THE CLIMB

THE CUT PRESENTS... THE CLIMB

ANNC: La Jolla, California that's where we are. Torrey Pines, the north and south courses for the 68th playing of the Farmers Insurance Open.

AT THE 2023 FARMERS INSURANCE OPEN, KEEGAN BRADLEY GOT OFF TO A SLOW START, RECORDING A 70 DURING ROUND 1 ON THE SOUTH COURSE AND A ONE-OVER 73 IN ROUND 2 ON THE NORTH COURSE....

ANNC: He's wanting to get this ball at or just to the right of the hole... not that far right though.

LEAVING THE PGA TOUR VETERAN 11 STROKES OFF THE LEAD AND IN A TIE FOR 36TH ENTERING THE FINAL TWO ROUNDS... BUT THEN BRADLEY STARTED HIS ASCENT.

ANNC: Oh, look at that!

BRADLEY TALLIED A 68 IN ROUND 3 AND SAVED HIS BEST FOR LAST IN THE FINAL ROUND, GOING 6 UNDER TO VAULT UP THE LEADERBOARD AND RECORD A RUNNER UP FINISH.

ANNC: Oh, could it, could it, could it? What a four!

KEEGAN BRADLEY: When I chipped in on 13, I was trying to not look at leaderboards because I figured I was too far back to really push and I hit it to a couple feet on 14, I thought I'm ahead of these guys, I can post something and who knows.

That was so fun. I love this course, I love coming here and when I think of the PGA TOUR, I think of Torrey Pines.

PLAYERS GUESS HOW MANY SHOTS

PRODUCER: How many shots did you hit in competition on the PGA TOUR in 2024?

MAX HOMA: Too many too many shots. I don't even know how I'd do this.

ADAM SCOTT: Ummm...

JUSTIN THOMAS: Let's see I'm gonna go, I'm trying to think do I really want to like think about this?

AARON RAI: Okay, so I'm gonna base it as an average of 70. Two, so that's 280 for four rounds, 20 events.

WILL ZALATORIS: There's a lot of missed cuts in there. So, there's a lot of like two rounds four rounds. Man prob no idea. I got no clue.

LUDVIG ÅBERG: 2,000? No, more than that, 3,000.

MAX HOMA: 25 events. It's going to show how bad my math is. I don't know if I want to guess because now, I'm not doing the math. 2,200.

PRODUCER: 5,589.

MAX HOMA: I'd have been really good. I might have beat Scottie at 2,200.

AARON RAI: I'm going to say 5,300 shots. Ok.

PRODUCER: There were a couple guys around the 5,300. You played more than most.

AARON RAI: Okay. Yeah, I played more than 20. Okay.

WILL ZALATORIS: How many?

PRODUCER: 5,070.

WILL SALATORIS: Man, that is a lot.

ADAM SCOTT: 6,000.

PRODUCER: You might be the closest yet, it's just under 5,000.

ADAM SCOTT: Ok.

PRODUCER: 5,200. 5,203 to be exact.

LUDVIG ÅBERG: Yeah, that wasn't very close.

JUSTIN THOMAS: I'm gonna go with 1400.

PRODUCER: 4,943.

THOMAS: 4,000? Damn.

JUSTIN PRODUCER: Almost 5,000.

WYNDHAM CLARK: 43,000.

PRODUCER: 5,503. Slightly over. I thought you were going to say 4,200. That would have been pretty close.

JASON KENNEDY AND NICK DUNLAP SIGN OFF

LYRICS: We outside again. We outside again.

JASON KENNEDY: They called me baby deer legs in college. We wanted to see if it would be possible for me to take on one of these gentlemen with a healthy space in between.

Nah. Nah.

COACH: You leaving the boots on for it or taking them off? You could go barefoot.

JASON KENNEDY: Okay, I'll go barefoot.

NICK DUNLAP: How much of a head start do you think you've got to give him?

NATS: On your mark, get set, go! I'm just going light, I'm going light, I'm going light, oh my god. Oh my god. Oh, my are you joking me? I think, see, my knee did like a funny thing.

I'm sorry that you had to actually witness that.

NICK DUNLAP: You just didn't want to beat him.

JASON KENNEDY: Yeah, I put the burners, I have this thing where I can put the burners on..

NICK DUNLAP: Yeah.

JASON KENNEDY: But with like, this is his home turf.

NICK DUNLAP: Yeah, no I agree.

JASON KENNEDY: It's like a whole thing. So.

NICK DUNLAP: No you had him.

JASON KENNEDY: Yeah, I'm gonna go get a kale salad and head back to California. Appreciate you, bud.

NICK DUNLAP: Appreciate you, man. Yeah, absolutely.

JASON KENNEDY: Thank you for everything, bro.

NICK DUNLAP: Yep.

JASON KENNEDYL: Thanks, Nick.

NICK DUNLAP: Yep.

JASON KENNEDYL All right let's go home.