

MASTER SCRIPT - 25ICUTCSC

25ICUTMEM – SEGMENT 1

A1 – COLD OPEN

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I always dreamed of coming here and playing in this tournament and it's a dream come true just to be here in the field

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: you're trying to win Jack's, you're trying to win Arnie's, you're trying to win Tiger's

JACK NICKLAUS: I think it's a pretty good tournament to win to fill out a résumé. I don't think there's any question about that.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: It would mean a lot to me to be able to shake his hand and win this golf tournament with all the history here and what Mr. Nicklaus has meant to the game.

VIKTOR HOVLAND: This golf course doesn't care about your memories or good vibes. It's one of the hardest courses we play all year, so you definitely have to bring your A game

A2 – TITLES

VO: WELCOME TO PGA TOUR: THE CUT

A3 – WHAT I LEARNED FROM JACK

JUSTIN THOMAS: I've been fortunate that Jack's given me a lot of great advice. I think when he told me five or six years ago or something like that yeah, you have an ideal way you are going to maybe play the golf course but one day the wind's different or it's 20-30 degrees colder, or warmer, or you don't feel well, stuff like that changes. And I think that taught me to be like artistic, athletic self that I feel that I am on the golf course and embrace that.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Jack was so consistent his whole career and he was a family man so I looked up to him in those regards for sure. Not only that, but how he approached the game. He was a tough competitor but he was gracious in victory and in defeat so I felt like I learned a lot from him in both of those aspects.

VIKTOR HOVLAND: When I won, I asked him a question. Out of all the wins, how many times did you win where you just played your game and didn't do anything stupid per say? And he said it was about like 50-50. Which is interesting because I think when I've felt in contention I just gotta keep making birdies and birdie every hole to catch the other guy whereas a lot of times you just have to play solid golf and not do anything crazy.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: What I've learned is that he likes a tough property. He likes to challenge players, he's old school, and he wants to see the guy that can hit it the highest

and control his number the best and be able to do everything well and win his golf tournament.

A4 – ILLUSTRIOUS WINNERS OVER THE YEARS

JACK NICKLAUS: The Memorial Tournament is obviously very special to me, i think it's very special to a lot of player and i think the fellas who have won the tournament are really the best players in the game of golf

ANNC: Roger Maltbie, the first Memorial Champion!

ROGER MALTBIE: It is certainly the singular most important event that I ever won.

TIGER WOODS: The handshake is one of the most important aspects of the game of golf, hat off handshake. Winning Jack's event, I don't know, it gives me chills to this day. It's about that handshake.

ERNIE ELS: Winning it in 04, I was really on my game. I had to basically birdie the last two holes to get the trophy from Jack was very very special.

MARK O'MEARA: You look at the players who have won the Memorial Tournament, there's been some great players. It's one of those top tier events that the players want to try to win. Especially because it's Jack's tournament.

VIKTOR HOVLAND: I really like that he seemed to carry himself with poise, didn't get down on himself. He was always fighting and trying to do the best he could and how he carried himself definitely helps to help him accomplish what he accomplished.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I love coming here. Mr. Nicklaus built a great golf course. And so it's fun for us to play.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER If you're going to be on the leaderboard on Sunday, you have to be hitting it well. You can't fake it around this golf course.

BILLY HORSCHER: To be able to have my name on a trophy that has his name and that he host, it's still a surreal moment and something that I will remember for the rest of my life.

PATRICK CANTLAY: It's something you always dream of doing and Jack obviously has been a mentor of mine. And so it was even more special just because it's his place and his tournament and because of the relationship that he and I have.

B1 - JORDAN SPIETH AND ZEKE

JORDAN SPIETH: Hey Zeke, how are you?

ZEKE: Nice to meet you!

JORDAN SPIETH: Nice to meet you, buddy. Welcome.

ZEKE: Thank you.

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, thanks for being here. Where are you from?

ZEKE: Naples, Florida.

JORDAN SPIETH: From Naples? Awesome. Are you a Padres fan?

ZEKE: Yeah.

JORDAN SPIETH: What made you a fan of the Padres?

ZEKE: My dad grew up in San Diego.

JORDAN SPIETH: Okay, that makes sense. So you had two brain operations, is that right?

ZEKE: Yeah two brain surgeries and chemotherapy. And then we've had to fly to Texas.

JORDAN SPIETH: Houston?

ZEKE: Yes, Texas Children's Hospital for a clinical trial, like 40 times.

JORDAN SPIETH: 40 times? That's a lot of trips down. Well awesome, I'm glad you're out here, bud.

JORDAN SPIETH: Those were some big old bounces for a Wednesday. It's going to firm. Alright, you want to walk?

ZEKE: Yeah!

JORDAN SPIETH: Let's do it. How old are you?

ZEKE: I'm 14.

JORDAN SPIETH: What grade?

ZEKE: Eighth grade, I'm going into high school next year.

JORDAN SPIETH: Alright, awesome. Are you excited about it? Nervous about it?

ZEKE: I don't know.

JORDAN SPIETH: Nothing should make you nervous now, right? You've been through all the hard stuff.

ZEKE: Are you a Mavs fan?

JORDAN SPIETH: I am a Mavs fan. Why does that make you laugh?

ZEKE: I don't know.

JORDAN SPIETH: We got the number one draft pick though.

ZEKE: Yeah, that is true.

JORDAN SPIETH: We went to the finals two years ago.

ZEKE: Yeah, two years ago. And then you traded away the guy that got you there.

JORDAN SPIETH: Exactly.

GRELLER: We got you dad on the bag.

ZEKE: You're a caddie?

GRELLER: Jordan finally has a real caddie.

ZEKE: You have a new caddie now, my dad.

JORDAN SPIETH: Okay, that's perfect.

ZEKE: What club do you use here?

JORDAN SPIETH: Either a hybrid or a 4 iron.

GRELLER: 249, two o'clock.

JORDAN SPIETH: Herding wind.

ZEKE'S DAD: That's what I was thinking.

ZEKE: Do you aim for the hole or do you aim for the green?

JORDAN SPIETH: Most of the time, I'm not going for the pin. Sometimes I'm going a little bit away from the hole and trying to work it in towards it. Like if the pin was over on this very right side over here, you can't really miss it right and then be able to get it close. So I'd be trying to use it at the left center of this green.

ZEKE: Oh!

JORDAN SPIETH: I got it! Nice club. Good work.

ZEKE: That was all the caddie!

JORDAN SPIETH: We are going to do that every hole, I have no problem telling him to the week off. I was trying to get it up there where you could knock it in but it went in so what are you going to do? It was really nice to meet you buddy.

ZEKE: Thank you.

JORDAN SPIETH: Good luck to starting high school, it's going to get better and better. It's going to be awesome.

B2 - CSC WINNER

ANNC: Sand wedge in his hand, no need to be a hero.

VO: Coming down the final stretch to the 18th hole, Ben Griffin was only two shots ahead of Germany's, Matti Schmid.

ANNC: Oh, I think it stayed right up on the side slope.

ANNC: It did, that will be an awkward stance there.

ANNC: It's not over yet.

ANNC: It's not, but Schmid didn't apply any pressure.

ANNC: Can't even imagine what's going on in his mind right now.

ANNC: This will be his second win in his last 5 starts. This is awkward here! Look at that.

ANNC: Look how far down his shaft he has to go. This could go anywhere ... it's thick.

ANNC: Nice, how good is this? Three feet, three and a half feet!

ANNC: Now can Schmid? He's got to dunk this one.

ANNC: Oh my goodness, he did! He did! Who could imagine? Pops it up, rolls it in, for a birdie!

ANNC: And that three foot eleven inches is just growing in length for Griffin.

ANNC: His dream comes true! He made that like it was nothing at all.

BEN GRIFFIN: It's really incredible to have lifted that trophy on 18 with so many incredible names and greats in the game of golf. I'm very blessed to be where I am in my career to even consider myself a champion along with those guys. It's been a lot of hard work that's gone into this, and it's an awesome place for me to get my first individual win and such a historical venue.

B3 - FEDEX CUP STANDINGS

C1 FIRST FAMILY OF GOLF

ANNC 17:32:50 NANTZ: It is now time to announce the honoree for next year.

JACK NICKLAUS: I can't get it out Jim. It's Barbara Nicklaus. It's hard to get it out. Everybody has honored Jack Nicklaus but Barbara Nicklaus has been right there with everything that's happened. I broke down and cried the other night, and I'm crying again now.

VO: WHILE BEING NAMED MEMORIAL HONOREE IS A FITTING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS BARBARA NICKLAUS HAS MADE TO CHARITY, AND JACK'S

CAREER...AWAY FROM GOLF, BARBARA AND JACK'S REAL FOCUS HAS ALWAYS BEEN FAMILY.

BARBARA SOT: It's the root of everything. You have that first child and you think you can't love anything any more. And to have five great children has really been a luxury and we've loved every minute of it.

JACKIE SOT: Family is foundation, family is our legacy. Family is why we rise up each day, family is everything.

JACK SOT: Family to me, that's what life's about. I don't care what you do and where you go in life, if that's not there and it's not supportive and not something that you're proud of then what are you living for?

GARY SOT: My dad had an amazing career in golf and my mom was the rock who stood next to him for 50 years.

JACKIE SOT: It's difficult to speak of dad without speaking of my mom in the same sentence.

GARY SOT: My mother, she's an amazing person. She had five kids to deal with and a celebrity husband.

NAN SOT: She makes everybody feel welcome and wanted and needed and she just has a way that she makes everyone feel special.

MICHAEL SOT: She's the linchpin to our whole family. Somehow she got us all where we needed to be when we needed to be there and my dad for that matter.

BARBARA SOT: He looked at me and he said I'm gonna make a commitment to you, I refuse for my kids to grow up and say gee I wish I'd known my dad.

JACK SOT: We spent as much time as we could together. I made a pact never to be away more than two weeks at a time when I turned pro, and never was. I tried to be home as much as I can.

STEVE SOT: He was at all our events, at all our functions, at all our activities growing up.

BARBARA SOT: He flew to Tallahassee between rounds of the Mexican Open one year for a high school championship game. And he did a lot of things that I think our kids thought, well, dads just do that. Well, now that they're married and have children, they'll say to me, wow, I can't believe what dad did.

JACKIE SOT: All the commitments he had away from home, he always made an effort to be here. I consider him my best friend today. He's been my best friend my entire life. He's an amazing man that way.

NAN SOT: Whatever dad is doing, he's focused on. If it was on the golf course, he was focused on the golf course. If we were out to dinner with the family, he's focused on all of us. The time spent with dad was time spent with dad.

C2 – SCOTTIE FAMILY

VO: JUST LIKE THE NICKLAUS'S, FAMILY IS WHAT CONTINUES TO KEEP THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE FOR THE WORLDS BEST PLAYER.

SCOTT: I cherish my time with him now. Like, maybe that's why I'm sitting here, because it gave me an opportunity to spend some time with him. His time has become ... different and we like to give him his space ... because he's a family man now.

ANNC: Big change in the life of Scottie Scheffler. But it's a great change. He's got a great team around him and knows exactly what they need to do and ... he has been on some kind of roll.

ANNC: Hugging his wife, Meredith. She's omnipresent on the scene. They're expecting their first child next month. Lots to celebrate for Scottie and Meredith.

SCOTTIE: She's always a great reminder for me why I come out here and play. She keeps things in perspective for me really, really well.

ANNC: About to be a father; Scotties got it all right now.

SCOTTIE: Our afternoons and evenings at home will look significantly different than they did before.

SCOTTIE: All of a sudden, nighttime hits and he's upset because he's so tired and he can't fall asleep. And so then he gets more upset. And it kind of reminds me of how I was on a golf course when I was ten years old. One bad thing would happen, and then I get more upset, and then the next thing would happen, and I'd get more upset.

ANNC: Oh this is left, somehow got through those trees. Sheesh.

ANNC: That is a seven! And suddenly, he goes back into a tie for the lead.

SCOTTIE: Now I feel like I'm in a spot where I'm a lot better at handling my emotions on the course and I don't let the bad shots get to me nearly as much as I did early in my career.

ANNC: For birdie at 12 ... you better believe it! So after the stumble at nine, makes a couple birdies in the next three holes.

ANNC: Number one player in the world gets his first win at Memorial ... and maybe even better, gets his first win as a father.

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler with another tournament title! In the sixth month of the year ... he's got a sixth victory. And you saw him flash a smile because he saw Meredith and Bennett making their way down to the green.

SCOTT: Diane was with Meredith and Bennett and he was looking specifically for them, and that's the way it should be. And Meredith's like, 'no, we're all going there.' I said, 'no, Meredith, this is your family. We're the, the extended family.' She's, 'no, Papa Scheff, it's all about us. And without you and Diane, we wouldn't be here in this moment.'

NATS: You are the best team! I'm so proud of you!

NATS: Awesome!

NATS: Best team ever! So proud of you!

SCOTTIE: They've all worked extremely hard to put me in this position where I can go out and compete and have fun and win or lose, you know, they're going to be there after the round.

SCOTT: It's Scottie's world. You know, I'd like to say we're living in and I'm very, very thankful that Meredith and Bennett and Scottie let us in that world.

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D1 PLAYERS TO WATCH

VO: AS THE WORLD'S BEST DESCEND ON MUIRFIELD VILLAGE ONCE AGAIN –HERE ARE THREE PLAYERS THE CUT IS KEEPING TABS ON...

VO: 15 YEARS AGO, JUSTIN ROSE NOTCHED HIS FIRST WIN ON U-S SOIL AT JACKS PLACE. NOW, ROSE'S GAME IS TRENDING – WITH THREE TOP TEN FINISHES, TWO IN SIGNATURE EVENTS, AND ONE IN THE MASTERS TOURNAMENT.

ANNC: Well this is good lookin' here, how bout it?

VO: NEXT UP – COLLIN MORIKAWA WON THE WORKDAY CHARITY OPEN IN 2020 AT THE SAME VENUE, AND HAS TWO RUNNER UP FINISHES IN THE MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT... HE PLAYED IN THE FINAL PAIRING WITH SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER IN 2024 AND WITH THREE TOP TEN FINISHES THIS YEAR, HE LOOKS TO CONVERT IN 2025.

ANNC: Giving that everything he's got. That is just so good, it's ridiculous.

VO: THE DEFENDING CHAMPION COMES IN HOTTER THAN ANYONE ON TOUR WITH TWO WINS THIS SEASON, INCLUDING A MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIP. NOW HE LOOKS TO BECOME JUST THE SECOND PLAYER IN HISTORY TO SUCCESSFULLY DEFEND HIS MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT TITLE. WHO DID IT FIRST? TIGER WOODS – 25 YEARS AGO.

D2 TIGER 2000 CUTDOWN

ANNC: To tie the lead, ohhhhh. By a sliver.

KEL DEVLIN: He shot 63 in the final round at Byron Nelson.

ANNC: What a run he made today

KEL DEVLIN: And I just called, left him a message. “Hey, great playing. I'll see you in a couple of weeks when you get back from Germany.”

NATS Byron Nelson: Great round today, turned the tournament inside out.

TIGER WOODS: Tried to

KEL DEVLIN: 15 minutes later, the phone rang and it was him. “You know, if I had my ball this week I would’ve won by five” and I'm like, what do you mean, your ball? And he said, well, I've been working with the different balls you left for me, can you meet me in Hamburg, Germany, Tuesday morning? And I'm like, what? You’re kidding. And he goes, no, I'm dead serious. I want to try the ball in Hamburg, Germany this coming week.

KEL DEVLIN: I said, we're on the way

KEL DEVLIN: The popular technology in early 2000 was wound construction. Where you have basically rubber bands around a liquid center with compression molded cover, where this is all injection molding, so it's much more precise in its tolerances.

KEL DEVLIN: That was why we went down the solid construction path at Nike when we started developing the Tour Accuracy.

KEL DEVLIN: Early 2000, we had a couple tests in Orlando with him. We left him with six different versions of the golf ball thinking, okay, we're done till October, because major season's coming. It changed at Byron Nelson

KEL DEVLIN: He knew that off the driver the dispersion was going to be tighter. He could spin the ball more around the greens than what he had been using. It gave him the ability to be more aggressive at flags. And when you're the best player in the world and you know that's in your arsenal, it's just going to give him even more confidence.

VO: ON THE HEELS OF NARROWLY MISSING A PLAYOFF AT THE BYRON NELSON, KEL AND NIKE'S GOLF BALL ENGINEER BASED IN JAPAN – ROCK ISHII – MET TIGER AT THE DEUTCHE BANK SAP OPEN -- WITH SIX DOZEN GOLF BALLS TO SEE IF THE NEW BALL WAS UP TO SNUFF – BY PUTTING IT TO THE ULTIMATE TEST -- IN TOURNAMENT PLAY.

ANNC: Tiger, in for a 70 to finish in joint third place at 11 under par alongside Ian Woosnam and Jean Van De Velde

KEL DEVLIN: We didn't know when we left Germany if he was going to play it at Memorial. And then he let us know he's going to put it in play.

ANNC: The leader Tiger Woods by 6 what a performance he's put on here

TIGER WOODS: I like the properties of the new Nike ball and Titleist has been nice enough to let me try it and experiment with it played with it last week and had a pretty good result and this week I'm playing pretty good

ANNC: after an opening 71, a 63 on Friday that he rated as his best as a professional in tournament play, backed it up with a 65 yesterday

TIGER WOODS: I knew going out today I needed to shoot a good front 9 to make sure these guys didn't have a chance on the back 9.

ANNC: the gap has now widened to 7 over Ernie Els

REPORTER: Did you ever feel any pressure from Ernie and Justin?

TIGER WOODS: Well I saw that Ernie was making a run the board said he was 7 under through 14. I made a bogey on 13 and Stevie my caddie said "ok, time to buckle down"

ANNC: breaking from right to left, here we go, oh yes

JUSTIN LEONARD: I don't know if I was in the hunt. Tiger was there, so I tied for the lead in the final flight with Ernie Els

ANNC: just another way of doing something spectacular, look at that.

JUSTIN LEONARD: I think it's he or Jack as far as over career and how much they did win and how often they put themselves in the hunt

ANNC: Back-to-back memorial titles for Tiger Woods!

JACK NICKLAUS: this kid played in Germany last week, didn't get in until Wednesday, time change everything, still blitzed everybody

REPORTER: DO YOU ALMOST WISH THE US OPEN WERE NEXT WEEK? OR DO YOU FEEL LIKE THERE'S STILL STUFF YOU NEED TO WORK ON?

TIGER WOODS: Well there is some stuff I need to work on.

TIGER WOODS: I'm trying to get better and improve to give myself chances in each and every tournament I play in

