

A1 – COLD OPEN

SCOTTIE: I try to be as mentally tough as possible//going out and competing has always been my best skill.

RORY: I've never, this is anyone this is Tiger, this is in the history of Golf. I don't think I've ever seen a golfer play as many bogey-free rounds as Scottie. He just doesn't make mistakes.

SHANE: Scottie is just, I think he is one of the best mentally and he doesn't make mistakes. He doesn't make big mistakes. We all out here we all have tendencies to make big mistakes, he probably has one of the best golfing brains I have ever seen.

SPIETH: What impresses me the most is his clubface control is elite. I mean its maybe the best there's ever been as far as clubface control so his consistency is ridiculous and that just leads to his distance control being phenomenal.

GRIFFIN: It's easy to assume what he is going to do, you know he's going to git fairways, you know he's going to hit greens he's not really going to make mistakes and make a bogey.

MIN WOO: He's just so comfortable with his game, that's why he's the player he is now. He's obviously got a wild swing, but his scorecard is very not wild and very relentless and lots of birdies and not many bogeys. So that's a pretty good recipe.

A2 CUT TITLES

WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT

A3 US Open Difficulty

VO: AFTER HIS THIRD WIN IN THREE STARTS, SCOTTIE HEADS TO THE U.S. OPEN LOOKING TO CLAIM BACK-TO-BACK MAJORS AT ONE OF THE TOUGHEST COURSES IN THE COUNTRY – OAKMONT.

IN THE LAST 2 U.S. OPEN'S AT OAKMONT, ONLY FOUR TOTAL PLAYERS HAVE FINISHED UNDER PAR.. ONE OF THEM BEING SHANE LOWRY.

LOWRY: The first time I played Oakmont was the Sunday before the U.S. Open 2016, and I went out to play with -- my coach was with me and we teed off on 10. We got around to 14, which is up beside the clubhouse, and I walked in. And I sat there in the locker room going, I have no idea how I'm going to play golf around this place.

SCHAUFFELE: It's just a battle. It really is. It can be extremely rewarding if you are able to stay disciplined for 72 holes.// You just feel like you're going to war every day.// (36:10) you have to enter a different space when you're playing in U.S. Opens, and I don't see it being any different at Oakmont.

VO: AS OAKMONT TAKES CENTER STAGE THIS WEEK, HERE'S ALEX O'LAUGHLIN AND MATT EVERY WITH INSIDER ACCESS FROM BILLY HORSCHEL

A4 Billy Horschel Talk US Open

Every: I feel like I know you pretty well dude it's got to be eating you up inside being on the shelf this week when you're a top 25 player in the world. How are you preparing this week to be a spectator as opposed to a player?

Horschel: I haven't really thought too much about it or getting back out there. It would just eat me up inside i still got a long way to go until I'm back out playing. I think this week will be a little different from the last few days Because it is a major it is a course played in 2016 and had decent success on things happen and just sort of move on from it and hopefully we come back better and stronger and you know sort of, not that I wasn't grateful for everything I've been able to accomplish and have my life and be a part of, but hopefully it's more gratitude even more so coming back out more or less and just enjoying being out there and competing because I think that's what I missed the most competition side of it.

Every: Alright. Man, let's pick your brain a little bit here Billy I'm gonna place you in the field this week. We got some world class form heading into there like I mentioned top 25 player in the world. Is there a thought at all in your head that if you have your best stuff, it might not be good enough to take down the likes of a Scottie Scheffler right now?

Horschel: If I'm on my game I can compete with anybody, but as I have said many times I've been asked this question there's guys that their talent level is higher than mine so if they're on their game and I'm on my game it's gonna be pretty tough, but if they make a mistake, that's where I can pounce. I feel like if I had my game and I was playing this week and I was on top of it. I feel pretty confident that I'm gonna have a chance come Sunday and you know we're sort of see where the cards fall at the end of the day.

A5 The Eliminator

VO: THE GOLF UNIVERSE REVOLVES AROUND OAKMONT COUNTRY CLUB FOR THIS WEEK'S U.S. OPEN... THE ELIMINATOR IS HERE TO USE STATS AND HISTORY TO WEED THE FIELD DOWN FROM 156 ENTRANTS TO 1 WINNER...

THIS IS THE 40TH U.S. OPEN SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE OFFICIAL WORLD GOLF RANKING... 35 OF THE PREVIOUS 39 WINNERS HAVE COME FROM THE TOP 50... WE LIKE THOSE ODDS AND ARE DOWN TO 49 CONTENDERS...

ANNC: He's been consistently good all year long, heading into the US Open.

VO: THE LAST 12 WINNERS HAD ALREADY RECORDED A TOP 3 FINISH ON TOUR THAT YEAR... FACTOR THAT IN, AND WE ARE DOWN TO 30 GOLFERS... SORRY XANDER, YOU DON'T MAKE THE CUT...

OAKMONT IS THE ULTIMATE TEST, AND IS HOSTING ITS 10TH U.S. OPEN... 7 OF THE PREVIOUS 9 WINNERS HERE HAD ALREADY RECORDED A TOP 10 FINISH AT OUR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP... APPLY THAT STANDARD TO THE REMAINING CONTENDERS, AND WE ARE DOWN TO 17 ... LUDVIG AND VIKTOR – IT'S NOT YOUR TIME YET...

ANNC: Most of these young players they're not intimidated, they're not scared to go toe to toe with these guys.

VO: IN RECENT HISTORY, GOLF HAS BECOME A YOUNGER MAN'S GAME... 13 OF THE LAST 15 U.S. OPEN CHAMPS HAVE BEEN 30 OR YOUNGER... SO RORY AND J.T. – YOU'VE AGED OUT OF THIS ONE...

AND WITH THAT, WE ARE DOWN TO 4 FINALISTS... SAM BURNS, SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER, COLLIN MORIKAWA AND MIN WOO LEE.

THIS IS THE 7TH YEAR THAT THE U.S. OPEN HAS FOLLOWED THE PGA CHAMPIONSHIP... 5 OF THE PREVIOUS 6 WINNERS HAD FINISHED IN THE TOP-10 AT THE PGA CHAMPIONSHIP JUST A MONTH BEFORE... THE ONLY ONE OF OUR FINALISTS TO ACCOMPLISH THAT FEAT - SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER... AND ACCORDING TO THE ELIMINATOUR, HE'S GOING TO BE THE WINNER AT OAKMONT, TOO.

B1 Players On Luke Clanton

Lee: Luke is a very confident player. He's got a lot of assets there that have obviously shown results.

Thomas: I mean first off, his game, his ball striking. There are certain people that their golf ball makes a different sound when they hit than others, his is definitely one of them.

ANNC: It's a really solid golf swing I mean it's hard to spot anything wrong with that.

Aberg: It seems like he always picks the right shot to play. He is sort of always on the right side of the pin and i could tell that he really knows golf.

Spieth: I like how solid his stroke is. He's got all the shots, he is a shot maker, he's got that intensity, He's got a bit of that it factor where the moment gets big he zones in.

ANNC: Man, that kid has a ton of game.

Thomas: He knows how to get his way around a golf course. I thought he had great hands. He wasn't shy and he wasn't scared of the moment so I know he's going to come out here ready to go.

Spieth: It's not hard to see given where he has been playing. He's been playing in contention some. Making the cut to get your card, if you didn't tell him that he would probably make the cut very easily but it obviously put a little bit of a target in your back but he obviously went out there and tore it up.

Lee: He's got a bright future ahead of him

Spieth: He is someone I expect to be out here for a long time. There's a number of guys his age, watching NCAA's right now and it's just a matter of time. Just got to get these guys the right avenues. It's cool what he was able to accomplish to get out here quickly.

B2 Clanton Canadian Open

VO: THE NEWEST ROOKIE ON TOUR MADE HIS DEBUT IN CANADA WITH A POWERHOUSE GROUPING

CLANTON: I've never experienced anything like that. It was so cool to meet Rory and play with him and be out there with Ludvig as well, two great ball strikers.

VO: CLANTON FINISHES FRIDAY JUST TWO STROKES OFF THE CUT LINE BUT PLENTY OF SUCCESS IS ON THE HORIZON FOR THE YOUNG STAR

CLANTON: I don't know if you really call this work. I mean we play golf for a living and it's amazing.

B3 RBC Canadian Open Winner

ANNC: We're in the great nation of Canada and fittingly there's a whole lot of red on the leaderboard.

ANNC: Hold your line.. that is 62! Magnificent round of golf, 8-under par for the day. Now he's just going to sit back and watch.

ANNC: Now this to force a playoff, got a chance, get there, it's in! Incredible!

ANNC: We got Burns, we got Fox; we got a playoff coming up.

ANNC: That is right at it! Looks majestic, is it? Is it ever!

FOX: We had a couple scrappy holes there, and then to hit the shot I hit on 18 on the fourth playoff, it was pretty surreal. It's the best shot I've ever hit in my life. There's nothing close to that.

ANNC: Ryan Fox, two putts is all he needs// A Kiwi wins at the Osprey!

FOX SOT:t's such an iconic tournament, so much history here. To get my name on that trophy is amazing. . I remember watching it years ago when I was playing on the Aussie Tour and thinking it looked like a really awesome event.// To see some of the names that are on that trophy and to have my name on it is amazing.

FOX: I'm going to figure out how to get to Oakmont first.// Probably get my kids to bed and find a glass of red wine.

B4 FedEx Cup Standing

VO: AFTER HIS SECOND WIN IN FOUR WEEKS, RYAN FOX JUMPS TO 25TH IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS AND HAS NOW EARNED A SPOT IN THE U.S. OPEN AT OAKMONT.

B5 Canadian Open Winner Mic'd Follow

FOX: Thanks boys, well done last night too. Cheers guys, appreciate it. Afterwards guys. Oh hello! Come on, up you come. Hello.

FOX: How are your nerves? Shot?

FOX: Thanks boys, appreciate it.

Taylor: Congrats to you.

FOX: Thanks buddy.

TAYLOR: Well done.

FOX: You guys allowed to smile in uniform?

FOX: The atmosphere out there was awesome. I felt like an honorary Canadian there for a little while and it was nice to get the job done.

FOX: Hey guys, Ryan Fox here. Just won the RBC Canadian Open, words can't describe what I'm thinking right now but looking forward to being back in a year.

C2 Nick Taylor 2025 Canadian Open

VO: LAST WEEK, NICK TAYLOR RETURNED TO THE CANADIAN OPEN EARNING LOW CANADIAN HONORS CAPTURING THE RIVERMEAD CUP FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE HIS EPIC FINISH TWO YEARS AGO --

AND SINCE THAT THE MOMENT NICK TAYLOR HAS BECOME EVEN MORE OF A LEGEND IN HIS HOMETOWN.

C3 Nick Taylor 2023 Win and Family Feature

ANNC: One putt to win...72 feet...good pace...are you serious...oh my goodness! Glorious and free!

NICK TAYLOR: I try to remember the noise, everything that happened when that putt went in, but it's hard to remember because it's kind of a blackout scenario.

ANNC: The drought is over! History! History! He's an icon now in this country!

ADAM HADWIN: Just pure elation, um, pure joy for that moment. Not only for him, but just golf in Canada. It's definitely gonna be a moment replayed forever.

COREY CONNERS: Super happy for him and I was really thrilled to be able to be there and cheer him on.

ANNC: 72 feet ends 69 years of a drought!

NICK TAYLOR: It was amazing. It's something that I've never experienced. I hope to again, but it'll be it'll be tough to emulate.

VO: TAYLOR'S HISTORIC VICTORY RESONATED THROUGHOUT ALL OF CANADA – ESPECIALLY IN HIS HOMETOWN.

JAY TAYLOR: I don't know how anybody would have even scripted that. I've dreamed of him winning the Canadian Open, but in that fashion?

ANDIE TAYLOR: I think I sobbed for like five minutes straight. It was amazing to watch, it was storybook, it was everything.

BRAD CLAPP: This is not just a Canadian golf moment, this is a Canadian sport moment. Even if you're not a golfer, Canadians now know Nick Taylor.

NICK TAYLOR: Obviously, it's very meaningful to me to work as long as I have at the game and win a tournament I really wanted to win. To be that guy to do it, have a bunch of my good buddies who are Canadians trying to do it as well, and to have that celebration was really cool. It means everything to be that guy.

VO: BECOMING "THAT GUY" HAS CHANGED HIS LIFE ON THE COURSE, BUT LIFE AT HOME FOR THE TAYLOR'S REMAINS CONSISTENT.

NATS: Can you say boo?

NICK TAYLOR: We try to be the exact same. Might get recognized at a coffee shop here or there, the golf course when I've gone up there is obviously exciting for a lot of the members. I feel like our at home life hasn't changed a lot.

NATS: This is one of your first dinosaurs.

NICK TAYLOR: I try to be a dad as much as I can, along with prioritizing practicing golf too. Two kids now definitely changes life a lot, perspective's changed. I love being home with them.

ANDIE TAYLOR: He's a better father than he is golfer. He's very attentive, he wants to make sure that we're all taken care of, that we all have the greatest experience together as a family, and with this crazy life that we live he puts us number one always.

JAY TAYLOR: We're more proud of the person, and the husband and the father that he is than as far as his golf goes.

C4 Nick Taylor Grass Roots

NICK TAYLOR: That was the place I first broke 80, first time I broke 70, the first junior tournament I won was at Ledgeview too, so it was a lot of milestones / couldn't tell you how many rounds I've played there how many rounds I've spent there. I worked in the back shop there I worked in the grounds crew,

NICK TAYLOR: I do pinch myself to be able go back there now golf's my career especially after the Canadian Open its special to go up there still as much as I do. So yeah, there is a lot of memories.

BRAD CLAPP: We're just entering our 61st year of a non-profit society on city land of the city of Abbotsford. Ledgeview is a 6000-yard golf course and we produce some pretty good players around here.

BRAD CLAPP: Nick grew up playing here, developing his short game probably most. I mean we got a 160-yard driving range with only 7 stalls on it, it's not conducive to beating balls all day in perfect conditions. You have to go out and you have to learn how to put the ball in the hole in some tough spots.

NICK TAYLOR: I had 3 or 4 great friends that we were up there every day in the summer, chipping contests you name it. Drop off at 10 in the morning, pickup at dark. We lived up there, a lot of fond memories growing up there. You don't think of it as trying to get better at golf you're just up there because you enjoy it. It's a good lesson that I try to look back on, I do this because I love to do it, at times it can feel like a grind it can feel like a job when I go back to those days and try to get back in that state, it's only for the better.

JAY TAYLOR: I would drop the kids off early in the morning and you look up in the parking lot by the sixth or the 18th green there, I'd literally be flashing the headlights and honking the horn trying to find them.

ANDIE TAYLOR: It's an extension of home. When Nick comes back you know, he sees all the same members and sees the community that's there. It's been so nice to be able to see the journey of being a junior and his first only job was greens keeping at Ledgeview. Being able to still go back to that and have them all excited about we've done and where Nick is and where we are on this journey has been really cool.

BRAD CLAPP: I don't think the buzz has worn off from that putt that Nick made however many months ago it's still talked about in our membership. We're finding you know all 72-foot putts on the golf course and trying those out. The membership is super proud of Nick, and it shows how passionate they are cheering him on and even after the win still talking about it coming up with all the newspaper clippings and all the magazines and things like that. We still get a bunch of memorabilia dropped off; it just shows how much he means to this club.

NICK TAYLOR: I still enjoy going up there to play it. It's certainly not a very challenging golf course for me anymore but 12-18 it has everything you need to develop a well-rounded game and I think it has shown that over the years.

D1 Tiger 2000 Pebble Beach US Open Win

VO: AT THE 2000 US OPEN AT PEBBLE BEACH, TIGER WOODS ENTERED THE FINAL ROUND WITH A TEN-SHOT LEAD, PLAYING HIS NEW NIKE TOUR ACCUARCY GOLF BALL -- GIVING HIM BETTER CONTROL IN THE COASTAL WIND OVER HIS OPPONENTS.

MARK O'MEARA: I played every practice round with Tiger in 2000 here. I said that's the greatest player I've ever seen in my life. This tournament's over. This kid will win this week because I never saw him miss a shot

TIGER WOODS: It felt like anything inside ten feet was just good. The reason my speed control was good because my iron play was good. I was leaving myself below the hole and had all the easiest putts.

WYNDHAM CLARK: In the year 2000, I was seven years old. I remember Pebble Beach. A lot of domination, a lot of wins. And I think that's when his swing was the best.

ROCCO MEDIATE: On Sunday his goal that day was not to make a bogey. You can't go around a U.S. Open course and not make a bogey, especially when you're leading by 100.

BUTCH HARMON: He made a putt on the 16th hole of about 12,15ft for a par and gave it this big fist pump. Here he is with a 15-shot lead, getting all excited about making a par.

ROCCO MEDIATE: That putt he made on 16 like he won something. He was just that guy.

VO: ADD IN TIGER'S ABILITY TO BUILD MENTAL TENSION IN THE BIGGEST MOMENTS – AND IT SILENTLY SEPARATED HIM FROM THE FIELD BY ASTRONOMICAL MARGINS.

ERNIE ELS: He beat me by 15. That's embarrassing. Thank you very much.

FRED COUPLES: I actually played fairly well. He beat me by 22 shots. I mean 22 shots...

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: I remember being in second place with nine holes to go being completely lapped. And that's very hard to take. When you're that far behind that can be pretty brutal on the psyche.

SEAN MARTIN: Did you want your competitors to fear you in 2000 and do you think they did?

TIGER WOODS: It was not about implementing fear. I would just want to be more consistent than them. I really shouldn't make any mental errors

VO: TIGER'S 15-SHOT WIN MARKS THE LARGEST MARGIN IN MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY – A RECORD STILL UNTOUCHED 25 YEARS LATER.

D2 Neal Shipley Talks Oakmont

VO: NOW WE GET A CHANCE TO HEAR FROM PITTSBURGH RESIDENT AND OAKMONT MEMBER NEAL SHIPLEY ON WHAT IT WILL TAKE TO CONQUER OAKMONT

Shipley: It's one of those places where you have to hit a lot of fairways and a lot of greens. This week with the rough if you miss a fairway it's almost and auto bogey, you're going to be struggling to make par and same thing around the greens the rough is really long and it is tough to get up and down around this golf course. The list of winners here is I think second to none, other than Augusta National for a place that only hosts a major about once every ten years. I don't think you'll find a better list of winners and that is because the course brings out the best players every week.

Shipley: You have to be dialed in on speed and the best way to puff out Oakmont is hit it close to the pin below the pin when you can and give yourself manageable two-putts. There's a lot of places out here on the golf course where a two-putt is very difficult or the best you can do on your first putt in 10 15 feet. You got to be dialed, and I think it starts with the ball striking.

VO: DRIVING ACCURACY AND GREEN READING WILL BE THE TWO MOST IMPORANT FACTORS THAT PLAYERS FACE THIS WEEK.

Shipley: I think if you look back at what DJ did in 2016, it's a guy like that who can hit a lot of fairways and hits the driver very well. You don't have to be the longest player to play well out here but this week being wet that will certainly help and you have to be rock solid with your mid irons. If you start missing greens with your 7 or 8 irons your going to have a lot of issues and it's going to be very tough to get up and down and I think that is what DJ did so well here in 16. I'd look out for a winner who is hitting the driver well and is really striking the ball with his irons as well.

D3 Players to Watch US Open

VO: HERE ARE THE PLAYERS THE CUT WILL BE WATCHING AT THE 125TH US OPEN --

IN 12 CAREER APPEARANCES AT THE US OPEN, HIDEKI MATSUYAMA HAS ONLY MISSED THE CUT ONCE... IN 2016 AT OAKMONT. THE JAPANESE SUPERSTAR LOOKS TO FLIP THE SCRIPT THIS YEAR AND CONTINUE TO BUILD ON HIS CONSISTENT PLAY

ANNC: Hideki walks it in! A huge roar for Matsuyama.

VO: THE MOST RECENT GRAND SLAM WINNER ENTERS THE THIRD MAJOR OF THE YEAR AIMING TO BUILD ON HIS IMPRESSIVE START TO THE SEASON WITH 5 TOP 10'S AND A TRIO OF VICTORIES.

ANNC: Oh right over the top if it, another good swing. That ball never left the flagstick.

VO: SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER HEADS TO OAKMONT LEADING THE TOUR IN STROKES GAINED TEE TO GREEN. THE WORLD NUMBER ONE RETURNS TO

**THIS SITE FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2016 WHERE HE MADE HIS MAJOR
CHAMPIONSHIP DEBUT AS AN AMATUER FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.**