

A1 – COLD OPEN

ANNC: It is the final event of the Regular Season. The Wyndham Championship is on the air. These players are ready for one last crack at the top 70.

ANNC: That's a missed opportunity there for him, and he knows it.

ANNC: Adam Scott will have to sit and wait to see if he has a date in Memphis for the first round of the FedExCup Playoffs.

ADAM SCOTT: It's close right now, so I don't want to get my hopes up, but there's a chance.

ANNC: This is not just any week.

HARRIS ENGLISH: It was one of the more nerve-wracking rounds I've had in a long time. It's a way different feeling than trying to win a tournament.

ANNC: It should be good enough to get him into the field next week.

ANNC: Justin Thomas needs a birdie at No. 18 in order to make it to the FedExCup Playoffs.

ANNC: You've got to be kidding me?! How in the world does that ball not go in?! Currently projected at No. 71.

JUSTIN THOMAS: I played the best I could, and I fought as hard as I could and show the lowest I possibly could, and I just have to just hope it's somehow is good enough.

A2 – THE CUT TITLES

WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT.

A3 – AARON RAI FEATURE

THE WYNDHAM CHAMPIONSHIP IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR PLAYERS TO MAKE THE FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS. THE CLUBHOUSE WILL BE PACKED DURING THE SECOND ROUND AS PLAYERS AWAIT THEIR FATE.

IT'S ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PLAYERS TO BREAK THROUGH — LIKE AARON RAI — WHO HAD TWO DP WORLD TOUR WINS BUT WAS STILL CHASING HIS FIRST CAREER PGA TOUR VICTORY.

RAI: The PGA TOUR is the pinnacle of golf. Being able to compete here is phenomenal. I think realizing the reality of the PGA TOUR, how strong the level of golf is, how consuming it is, how strong the golf courses are, you've got to play incredible golf. You need a lot of things to fall your way.

ANNC: So fastidious. Very attentive and concerned with pretty much every single detail, and as accurate as the guy is, I think the quote was, he's like a sniper with a golf club.

FLEETWOOD: Aaron's a lovely human being. Everybody just has a humongous respect for the amount of time he puts into it, and the passion he has for the game and the commitment that he puts into his craft.

HORSCHER: Aaron's great. I love him. To see, you know, his journey through the game of golf, working his way through the many tours over in Europe, and then get on the DP World Tour, winning over there, getting through the Korn Ferry Q-School, and then getting over here and keeping his card for a couple of years and finally getting a victory.

RAI: We've got to know each other a little bit. It was really nice how it worked out with being paired together at the Wyndham. On those last few holes, he was very supportive, very encouraging, and I thought that was quite refreshing really, because that really doesn't happen often, whether it's with me or whether it's even watching TV and seeing it with other playing partners. It was very special of him to be that way with me.

HORSCHER: We've played practice rounds at home at TPC. We're out there practicing together. So, he's a guy that I cheer for. He's easy to cheer for because he's a really good guy, respects everyone, but he works really hard at the game and I think you respect guys that are trying to do the things the right way and he's one of those.

ANNC: This would be some story for Aaron Rai.

ANNC: He's been tracking in this direction for the last couple of months.

ANNC: Rai rolls it in!

RAI: It feels amazing, it truly is a dream come true. Just extremely happy and grateful to be here and to be surrounded by great people as well.

FLEETWOOD: Everybody was just very, very happy for Aaron and all that hard work could pay off with him holding a trophy. And no doubt about it, he's an amazing golfer. And I'm sure that this might be his first but I'm sure it won't be his last.

PRODUCER: The winner's circle for the first time after many close calls. Has it been frustrating in your career to have had chances but to have not won for one reason or another?

RAI: I wouldn't define as frustrating. I think it's been full of learning and it's been full of just experiences that I think are required along the journey. I think all of those things were important that they happened and I'm sure there'll be many more situations in the future, but I think it's a part of the whole journey and there's a bigger meaning to all of those things that happened, whether good or whether bad.

A4 – HAPPY GILMORE FINAU FEATURE

CURRENTLY INSIDE THE TOP 70, TONY FINAU SEEMED RELAXED ON THE GREEN CARPET AT THE PREMIERE OF HAPPY GILMORE 2.

TONY FINAU: All right, we have some of our looks here from Nike. This is really cool to see them in person.

TONY: It's really casual tonight, kind of a homage to how Adam Sandler likes to dress. So, we got some really cool looks here. I think this is kind of vintage ...

ALAYNA FINAU: That's straight-up Adam Sandler.

TONY: Yeah, this is like super vintage Adam Sandler look. And then, of course, Nike never gets beat on the feet. But Alayna and I have kind of picked these two. I think they stand out a little bit more.

TONY: I really love this shirt right here.

ALAYNA: That totally looks like something he would wear.

TONY: Yeah, seems like a super legit look for me.

ALAYNA: Oh, these are straight-up jeans.

TONY: And the jorts. The jean shorts. I'm gonna have to try on both.

ALAYNA: Oh yeah.

TONY: This is totally Adam Sandler. Totally different than what I would wear, but totally Adam Sandler.

ALAYNA: That's, "Adam Sandler, what are you doing here?"

TONY: All right, look number one. This actually looks a little cooler than I thought it was going to.

ALAYNA: I know!

TONY: Now we're going to throw on the real look.

ALAYNA: Oh, see. Can we try both shoes?

TONY: Yep. Gotta go with the high socks, that's like the totally '90s. That's the '90s vibe.

ALAYNA: Oh yeah, that's very purple, but it's pretty.

TONY: I think it's very purple, but it could be nice. We'll just try the other ones on.

ALAYNA: Oh, the yellow, yep.

TONY: Dang, I haven't even seen it yet. Ease up.

ALAYNA: I can see it from here.

TONY: Which one are you thinking?

ALAYNA: Oh, the yellow,

TONY: Huh?

ALAYNA: I like the yellow.

TONY: You like the yellow. Which one do you like?

PRODUCER: I like the yellow.

TONY: You like the yellow, too. You like the yellow one? OK, there you go. That's the premier look right there.

ALAYNA: I love it. I love the purple. It's fresh.

TONY: All right. Now what you gonna wear?

ALAYNA: No, I'm just watching you.

TONY: No, you gotta get ready too.

ALAYNA: Oh, babe, I have the purple laces.

TONY: Ooh, should I put the purple laces on mine?

ALAYNA: So, gold.

TONY: Mhm.

ALAYNA: Or silver? Maybe because the gold is thicker, too.

TONY: Yeah, gold. I think ... just because it matches your necklace.

ALAYNA: Yeah.

TONY: I feel like silver looks like you're gonna go play tennis or something.

ALAYNA: Oh wow.

PRODUCER: Is this your first time?

TONY: First time ever on a red carpet.

ALAYNA: It's a green carpet.

TONY: Yeah, yeah. I like it. It's different.

FAN: Let's go, Ton!

TONY: What up?

FAN: Thank you, Tony.

TONY: Yeah, no worries.

FAN: Thank you so much.

TONY: No worries. All right.

ALAYNA: Hold my hand like this.

TONY: All right, sweet. Movie star for one day. Following you. OK, let's go. It just looks like it's gonna be a super funny movie, you know?

ALAYNA: Yeah.

TONY: Super fun.

PRODUCER: You guys haven't seen it at all yet?

TONY: No, I haven't even seen any cuts of ours or any of it. Yeah.

PRODUCER: It's going to be a fun surprise.

TONY: Oh yeah, yeah, it's gonna be great, yeah. Hey, what up?

ALAYNA: Oh my gosh. Hi, guys.

TONY: I didn't know you were gonna be here. Good to see you, bro.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: You too.

TONY: Hi, Kat. How are you doing?

TONY: All right. What up, guys? Tony Finau just here at the premiere of Happy Gilmore 2. Super excited to be on the red carpet. Thanks.

TONY: It feels surreal, to be honest. I'm a huge Happy Gilmore fan. Obviously, you know, a golfer myself, but to be included in the second one, it's really not even a dream come true because I didn't even dream that something like this could happen, so it's pretty special.

BI – 3M WINNER RECAP

ANNC: He gave us a thrill, didn't he? What a day for Kitayama! Up 40 spots on the leaderboard to the top spot and within a whisker of breaking 60.

KURT KITAYAMA: I feel like since Detroit, my game's kind of been feeling pretty good and just trying to ride that in.

ANNC: There's a new solo leader, Kurt Kitayma.

ANNC: Oh, come on! You gotta be kidding me! Kitayama with another birdie!

KITAYAMA: Getting off to a start like that kind of helps settle you down, you know, final round, second last group, there's definitely some nerves.

ANNC: The 3M has a two-k champion, Kurt Kitayama.

KITAYAMA: You know, you don't expect to come out like that after shooting 11-under. That was special.

ANNC: This virtuoso performance leads Kurt Kitayama to the title at the 3M Open!

KITAYAMA: It's just a great venue, great atmosphere, great setup.

B2 – FEC STANDINGS

WITH HIS WIN, KITAYAMA MOVES FROM 110th TO 53rd IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS ... AND PUTS HIMSELF IN POSITION TO MAKE A DEEP PLAYOFF RUN.

B3 – 3M WINNER'S WALK

KITAYAMA: Hey.

DAD: Boy, you make everybody nervous.

KITAYAMA: I was nervous. I was stressing. Where's Mom?

DAD: She can't watch. She's somewhere out shopping. I came home and they caught you starting on No. 10 and she immediately left.

KITAYAMA: Oh, I gotta go do some other stuff, so I'll call you guys later.

DAD: Hey, grab about 10 flags.

KITAYAMA: OK, I'm ready.

MEDIA OFFICIAL: Who's that?

KITAYAMA: My dad. My mom didn't answer.

MEDIA OFFICIAL: Does it feel real once you call your parents?

MC: Let me introduce you to our 2025 3M Open champion, Kurt Kitayama. Congratulations. I think we're going to take a picture over here.

PRODUCER: What's that trophy look like to you?

KITAYAMA: I don't know some sort of like windmill type thing. What is it?

PRODUCER: It's supposed to be a perfect swing.

KITAYAMA: Oh, I see. Oh, there's I see the clubs there.

PRODUCER: Something to be said that your two wins came at Arnold Palmer courses, right?

KITAYAMA: I know they were talking about that after my round yesterday. I didn't even know. But pretty cool.

3M STAFF: I'm gonna go check on the sponsors. I'll be back in a little bit.

KITAYAMA: All right, OK.

3M STAFF: Get your face on the mural now!

LOCKERROOM ATTENDANT: Do you want to see where your locker room is going to be next year?

KITAYAMA: Where's that?

LOCKERROOM ATTENDANT: You'll be champion next year, you'll be right here. Everyone else shifts down just one locker. So the current champion here, and then everyone else is the rest of the champions.

KITAYAMA: Very cool. Thank you. Appreciate it.

LOCKERROOM ATTENDANT: My pleasure. Thank you for coming.

KITAYAMA: Thank you.

LOCKERROOM ATTENDANT: I thank for being such a good champion.

KITAYAMA: Thank you.

C1 – REJOIN

ANNC: The 26-year-old turns 27 in July.

C 2 – MIN WOO LEE SWING THEORY

IN HONOR OF HIS 27TH BIRTHDAY ON JULY 27TH, WE CELEBRATE MIN WOO LEE - WHO RANKS 16TH ON TOUR IN DRIVING DISTANCE - WITH MARK IMMELMAN BREAKING DOWN HOW THE AUSSIE HITS FOR POWER IN THIS EDITION OF SWING THEORY.

MARK IMMELMAN: Min Woo Lee is about six feet tall he weighs 165, but he is speedy and he is fast. And he has what's almost the prototypical, modern, young player golf swing. At address he sets up, he creates a lot of space for himself but the one thing he does beautifully is he situates all the body pressure right over the middle of the body.

IMMELMAN: You see the plumb line down there from about the nape of the neck, clips the kneecaps all the way into the balls of the feet, very balanced, very strong, very ready to support this powerful and fast golf swing. He can accelerate this golf club through contact up to about 124 miles an hour. He's bold, he's unafraid. He hits it hard, and wherever it lands he just goes and finds it and hits it hard again.

ANNC: Well, that is just hammered.

ANNC: Hold onto your hats with Min Woo. Almost 190 ball speed on that one. That is elite, elite.

ANNC: With his driver, he cruises at about 124 to 128 miles per hour clubhead speed. It is ridiculous. It is.

ANNC: That pound for pound, he has to be the fastest. He's not a big guy. Just wiry, ballistic speed.

IMMELMAN: Check out the stance. How's the width of the stance? It provides a beautifully stable base. It basically centralizes his hips that engine room of his golf swing, and it defines where that can move to allow him to get the clubface back to the golf ball consistently.

IMMELMAN: So, he's behind the ball with the spine. The ball's forward, he's built this wide base, but watch for the centrality of the hips in that area. As we swing away, he'll put some down force onto the handle, it'll start to hinge the driver head up. That's a beautiful look. Now he continues to wind up all the way to the top, the body will turn, the right hip gets behind him. And can you see how his torso is right still underneath him, yet he's stretched that upper body all the way around there with a big stretch in the arms.

IMMELMAN: So, he transitions, arms drop down and look at this now. This core is right inside of where it's allowed to perform. That is incredible looking. From there now, watch how his hips will unwind. He doesn't slide left. It's pure rotation. And he unhinges those wrists. You see those hips have basically turned in one place. It's kept his body behind the ball. The ball's forward in his stance and look at this daylight. That is an anomaly.

So, he's gone from a situation where this L, which was narrow, he's slung the club all the way out of that into that position off a central hub. Can you see why this guy can absolutely rip it?

C3 – TV TIMES

WITH ONE TOURNAMENT REMAINING IN THE REGULAR SEASON, IT'S THE FINAL CHANCE TO SECURE A PLACE INSIDE THE TOP 70 AND A SPOT IN THE FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS ... KARL VILIPS ENTERS THE WEEK RANKED 83RD, AND JOINED US BEFORE A CRITICAL WEEK AT SEDGEFIELD COUNTRY CLUB.

C4 – KARL VILIPS ON DROP

WILL LOWERY: Karl, I'm a huge fan. I can't speak for all the fans. There's a cornucopia of emotions that I'm dealing with. Can you share something? A little tidbit as to, you know, what are some of the things you wish the public knew about you being on this side of the 70?

KARL VILIPS: Yeah, it's a grind. Like you need to show up, and play well, to get the points at this point. You know, earlier in the season, it's like, I feel like, you're just going week to week just trying to win and trying to play your best. And now, you know, I'm starting to really feel the pressure of, you know, each week matters a lot. I need to have results at this point. Usually I don't try to be very result-oriented, but at this point, it's kind of the real importance at the moment, is those results.

VILIPS: So, the prep and, you know, the work I'm putting in in the off weeks, of utmost importance at the moment. But it is, it's a lot of pressure, you know, you got to get a result, to make that jump back into the top 70. So, yeah, there's just a bit more pressure than what I've been feeling.

CELIA PALERMO: As someone who is not normally results-oriented, as we get into this crunch time at this point in this season, what defines success for you in this next stretch?

VILIPS: I think it's just sticking to my process, not letting the moment allow me to deviate from that process, I think, you know, I've noticed in a few weeks, to be sure I have a game plan heading in the week, and then the week's not going how I would like it, so then I feel this pressure on, having to change something in the game or whatnot and to talk to my team about just sticking to it and trusting it. Managing my game really well in order to not, you know, stray off the path that I've created for myself.

VILIPS: So, it's at this time in the season, it's just doing what I know how to do best using my strengths, which is another game, my grit, my ability to manage what I have, in that given week. So, that's really important to me at the moment.

DI – BUBBLE GUYS TO POTENTIALLY MAKE A MOVE

SINCE THE FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS BEGAN IN 2007, 45 PLAYERS, ROUGHLY 2 AND A HALF PER YEAR, HAVE MOVED INSIDE THE BUBBLE AT THE WYNDHAM CHAMPIONSHIP. HERE ARE THE TWO PLAYERS CURRENTLY OUTSIDE THE TOP 70 WHO MATT EVERY WILL BE WATCHING THIS WEEK.

MATT EVERY: My eyes take me to Keith Mitchell, 72nd on the FedExCup Standings right now. His first time outside of the top 70 in three months. Let me tell you why I like him, Lauren.

LAUREN WITHROW: Why is that?

EVERY: We've been hanging out in the Midwest here and overseas the last few months, Keith's a Bermuda grass guy. And we're coming back to it here at Sedgefield Country Club, where he had his second-best putting performance last year.

Been struggling with the putter all year. Need that thing to get hot this week. He's also a Bulldog and went to Georgia. But he's got that bulldog mentality and I like Keith with his back against the wall. Give me some Keith Mitchell this week.

WITHROW: Keith Mitchell heating up. Firing on all cylinders except for that putter. See if he can get that a bit hotter. Who else are you looking at to play their way in?

EVERY: OK, also Alex Smalley this week. This might be a bit of a homer pick. We'll get to that in a second. But this is a guy that's 12th in total strokes gained on the PGA TOUR. Alex, how are you 77th on the FedExCup Standings, 12th in strokes gained on the PGA TOUR?

EVERY: But Lauren I mentioned it might be a bit of a homer pick. This is his home course. Sedgefield Country Club, Alex Smalley, Hand in hand. Nobody's logged more hours around this joint. I know it hasn't helped him the last couple of years, but I like him this week. Back against the wall, needs to hop seven spots. We just need a decent week.

WITHROW: Alex Smalley, a member at Sedgefield since 2020. Greensboro native Duke Blue Devil how can you not like the hometown player heading into the Wyndham Championship?

D2 – NICO ECHAVARRIA WITH MATT EVERY

NICO ECHAVARRIA, WHO RANKS 65TH ENTERING THE WYNDHAM CHAMPIONSHIP, IS LOOKING TO IMPROVE HIS STATUS. HE JOINS EVERY TO DISCUSS HIS DECISION NOT TO PLAY THE 3M OPEN, HIS CURRENT FORM AND HIS EXPECTATIONS AT SEDGEFIELD COUNTRY CLUB.

ECHAVARRIA: Played four weeks in a row, two of those weeks overseas. Traveling, it just gets you in your body and playing in those links conditions. Playing, at a major, at The Open Championship, my first Open Championship. I was pretty tired after that. So, I didn't stick to my plan of four in a row and not playing too many. Because if not, if I make it into Memphis or deep into the playoffs, there would be eight weeks in a row or nine weeks in a row. So decided just to take this week off.

EVERY: Let's get into Sedgefield a little bit. This course, one of the more old-school courses on the PGA TOUR, not a bombers track. It's a place where you need to be a quality iron player and a really good putter. You check both of those boxes. I did a deep dive on your stats last night. You're doing all right there, bud. How do you feel about your game heading into this week?

ECHAVARRIA: Yeah, so I feel good. I'm playing good. The last few weeks have been solid. I like the course. Sedgefield sets up well. There's a lot of corners in the greens with how fast they play, if you're on the wrong side of the greens, it's going to be a hard two putt.

EVERY: During the sort of deep dive I did on your stats, I found some pretty obscure ones. I found your best one, you're actually number one in in one category. 50 to 125 yards out of the rough. Nobody is messing with Nico Echavarria on TOUR. You are the best in the world from 50 to 125 out of the rough. Pretty, pretty good start.

ECHAVARRIA: Kind of. Kind of a crazy one. That's a big gap from 50 to a 120. I'm the Tiger Woods of 50 to 120 from the rough.

EVERY: Dude. That's a great stat to lead, especially this week. I mean, it's a tight course. It's a shorter course. You're going to miss fairways naturally. Yeah I really I really like you this week. Talk about your career 30 years old wrapping up your third year on the PGA tour. You got two wins man.

EVERY: Are you a guy that allows yourself to kind of pinch yourself? Like, man, I can't believe you know, I'm living out my dream. This is happening to me. Or are you blockers on. You know, I got a lot, a lot more left to accomplish.

ECHAVARRIA: I think, I'm I'm a more of a person that enjoys what I'm doing. I, I have a good time with my caddie. We we enjoy being out there. So I have set, goals. But if I don't accomplish them, I still firmly believe that getting better every year is what's made me successful on on tour.

ECHAVARRIA: If you can call it that way. And and. Yeah, just just putting in the work, and how I said having fun out there.