

A1 – COLD OPEN

ANNC: We welcome you to a beautiful East Lake Golf Club. End of the road for the FedEx Cup season.

KEEGAN BRADLEY, JJ SPAUN, RORY MCILROY: This is the FedEx Cup playoffs.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: And this year.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Tough. Just got tougher.

ANNC: Top 30 from this season. They earn their way into East Lake.

KEEGAN BRADLEY: May the best win.

RORY MCILROY: It's straight up.

A2 – THE CUT TITLES

WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT.

A3 – NO STARTING STROKES

THIS YEAR, THE PGA TOUR ANNOUNCED THE “STARTING STROKES” FORMAT USED SINCE 20-19 WILL NO LONGER BE IN EFFECT.

ALL PLAYERS WILL START AT EVEN-PAR, LIKE ANY OTHER EVENT ON TOUR, AND THE WINNER OF THE 72-HOLE STROKE PLAY EVENT WILL WIN BOTH THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE FEDEXCUP.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Having a 72-hole tournament on a great golf course, I think is a great way to challenge players to finish off the season the right way. And, I always dreamed growing up of being able to win the TOUR Championship and win the FedEx Cup, and to have that as our season-ending tournament on a great golf course, um, against the best 30 players from that year I think is a really cool tournament to have the opportunity to win.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: I think guys will have a different mentality. You know, some guys went for broke if they started at even before with the starting strokes, but I think now, everyone has that belief, no matter if they're playing well or playing poorly, to say, “Hey. I've made it. I've given myself a chance.” And that's all you can ask for. You know, it's playoff sports and all you ask for playoffs is to give yourself a chance – an opportunity. This is that opportunity to win it.”

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Looking forward to seeing how it goes obviously when there is something new happening you've got to just see, you don't know until it actually happens how that is going to feel and how that is going to go. Hopefully I'll be there and again start off with a chance and see what we can do.

AFTER SEVEN TOP TENS AND A RUNNER-UP FINISH IN 2025, TOMMY FLEETWOOD HEADS TO EAST LAKE FOR A THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR AND THIS TIME WITH HIS BEST SHOT TO WIN THE FEDEXCUP.

A4 – FLEETWOOD WALK AND TALK

ON TUESDAY OF THE BMW CHAMPIONSHIP - FLEETWOOD STROLLED AROUND CAVES VALLEY WITH A GREAT MINDSET AFTER JUST MISSING OUT ON HIS FIRST WIN IN MEMPHIS.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Just trying to put myself in position again. I think of still amazing opportunities. Little bit of practice this afternoon. I'm in the pro-am then practice tomorrow and yeah, go out, play golf, enjoy it. It's a great time of year to be playing.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Might be in the hole we don't know...

UNKNOWN: I might have lost that one.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Oh shore.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: I feel like this course is like it's in front of you off the tee. So that's one thing. You can see where you're going off the tee and that's fine. So then it's it's more about looking at where potential pin positions are. If your position why do you want to get it. And I think that's the hard thing. If you are in the rough here, rough isn't too bad, but I'm trying out in the green. It's going to be tough. So, then you want to know what the leave is. And it's like it's seems to be hard finding an easy lead.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Is it short of the bunker? Fat.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: A lot of times like the tournament. Feels easier than the practice rounds in some ways, because just getting used to the course. But yeah, I think par threes and on and around the greens might just be me, but that big with like so many isolations.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: So far in practice I've put it off greens, I've chipped off greens. So yeah, just getting used to all that. Like, you know, where do you want to be playing from? Where do you not want to be, things like that. And then just getting the pace of the golf course.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: All I can wish for is that I give myself another opportunity come Sunday.

B1 – BMW BUBBLE CONTENT

ANNC: Harry Hall number 32 in the race, this his third at nine.

ANNC: Just got to touch that ball, ball back in his stance kind of scoops it.

ANNC: That was helps quite a bit. Inside the top 30 to number 28.

HARRY HALL: I knew I couldn't afford to drop a shot coming in. And I've been hitting that chip shot on the practice chipping green all week. Same spot, warming up every day.

ANNC: Got a chance. And in Harry Hall what a time to do that.

HARRY HALL: I'm really happy. I can't wait to play in the FedEx Cup next week and hopefully keep continuing to play well.

ANNC: Rickie second on the way from 132.

ANNC: Likes to draw it in here and gets. That's a play that could go in. You heard him say it's money that it was.

ANNC: Rickie with his second from 180.

ANNC: See if he can make a more committed swing than he did on the last hole.

ANNC: Eight iron on the oh was just flew it. Way over the green.

ANNC: What a costly time to do what Rickie Fowler just did.

ANNC: For bogey.

ANNC: Straight up the hill. But boy right in the middle of the fairway. That is just a gut punch at this point in the round in the year .

ANNC: Outside looking in now 33.

RICKIE FOWLER: Obviously bummed I knew what I needed to do. It's been a lot of good stuff and a fun one through the summer. Nice to have a chance and you know, wish we were playing next week, but we'll, head off and get to recovery and get ready for next year.

ANNC: Oh, he's got to get it to the halfway point there where it starts to go down the slope, and then can you control the speed that looks like it's fast. Yeah. It's going to go off the green.

ANNC: So 28th on the list before that moves to number 30.

MICHAEL KIM: I put up a good fight but I don't think it's going to be enough. Swing it really nice wish I could have made a couple more putts over the entire weekend in the last two days, but I've never been this close to a tour championship in my entire career. So overall, it's a great season.

ANNC: You love consistent play six consecutive years at the Tour Championship for Sungjae, trying to make it seven is pretty amazing.

SUNGJAE IM: Anytime you make it in the Top 30, it means you had a good season.

SUNGJAE IM: I'm really proud of every season that I've made the Top 30. And if I make it to seven to keep my record going I'll be really happy.

ANNC: 18 we go for Bhatia. Bhatia's birdie try.

ANNC: Probably needs us to go Dan. He got it there.

ANNC: Oh man is it going to go for Bhatia! Just grazes the edge. And then who knows. He was in great shape till these bogeys coming down the stretch.

AKSHAY BHATIA: It's tough I mean I started out great. And that middle that middle part you know missed a couple putts. I think we could have done a better job just with the mindset of just, again, trying to play golf and not trying to protect, which it felt like that in a way. And, you know, that's part of the learning experience.

B2 – BMW WINNER FEATURE

WITH THE TOP 30 SET, IT WAS TIME TO CROWN A CHAMPION IN MARYLAND.

ANNC: Look at Scheffler.

ANNC: Can you believe what you just saw?

SINCE 1983, ONLY TIGER WOODS HAS CAPTURED MULTIPLE SEASONS WITH FIVE OR MORE WINS.

ANNC: Time and again, he has done that and you just shake your head at what you're watching right now during this era. From that man.

ANNC: The inevitable has arrived again for the world's best Scottie Scheffler. We'll take another playoff victory into another Tour Championship, where he will try to become the first ever in the 19 seasons of the FedEx Cup playoffs to take back-to-back FedEx Cup titles.

B3 – FEDEX CUP STANDINGS

FEDEX CUP POINTS LEADER AND BMW CHAMPION SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER LOOKS FOR ONE MORE WEEK OF LIGHTS OUT PLAY IN ATLANTA - AND MAYBE ANOTHER FAMILY PORTRAIT AS WELL...

B4 – WINNER WALK

SCOTT SCHEFFLER: Go get to work. Hey, proud of you.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Thank you.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Oh, Bennett. Who's that? Is that mama?

MEREDITH SCHEFFLER: Is that the winner of the BMW Championship...

DIANE SCHEFFLER: You want to sit?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: No, I got to go to interview, so I'm dropping him off.

MEREDITH SCHEFFLER: Okay, great.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Did a good job of battling out there. And, you know, obviously the shot on 17 didn't hurt our chances too much.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: See ya! Mr. B You ready? You ready big guy.

UNKNOWN: Scottie congratulations.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Thank you. Appreciate it. Thank you.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Hey, buddy. Oh. Benny get in the water.

MARK WILLIAMS: I'd like to welcome the 2025 BMW Championship winner, Scottie Scheffler.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I stepped up there and hit it, and inside of it, about 6.5ft was able to hole that putt. Thank you, guys, all so much for the support. It was a fun week. I look forward to coming back.

C1 – REJOIN

C2 – UNSCRIPTED WITH CHRIS GOTTERUP

UNKNOWN: You can park next to those guys.

CHRIS GOTTERUP: All right. Perfect. Thank you.

IN BETWEEN EARLY WEEK PREP FOR THE BMW CHAMPIONSHIP. CHRIS GOTTERUP FOUND SOME TIME TO CHECK OUT THE BALTIMORE RAVENS TRAINING CAMP.

CHRIS GOTTERUP: Nice to meet you, thanks for having us.

CHRIS GOTTERUP: Wedges might not get used this week, take them out.

RAY LEWIS: Good to meet you guys. Can you teach me how to golf?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: Can you teach me how to form tackle Derrick Henry?

RAY LEWIS: That's a tall order, ha-ha.

MARLON HUMPHREY: I hit every single... every single woods on every single home. So, I already got the bad juju off the course.

KYLE HAMILTON: I've always wondered, how much are you guys looking at the scoreboard.

CHRIS GOTTERUP: It's like they're all wrapped around everywhere. It's like you can't miss it.

MARLON HUMPHREY: I got a fan girl right quick. Yeah. You got to make sure the sun's hitting just right.

KID: How do you put the ball so consistent in its crazy.

CHRIS GOTTERUP: Practice and a little luck.

PRODUCER: Chris, what's up with the not strapping the glove?

CHRIS GOTTERUP: It's really like. It's just something I did when I was chipping as a kid, I would always. And I would strapped. And then when I was chipping, I could hear, like, crunch and I hated the sound of the crunch.

So I just started doing like this. Then I just started going, I can't do the bag like this. And if I'm gripping it tight, it's not going anywhere. On the it's more of just like, I don't like it. I don't like it feeling tight on my hands. I just kind of have it have a loose, but not there's no, no mad science... science behind it.

THE PREP PAID OFF FOR GOTTERUP, WHO SOLIDIFIED HIS SPOT AT THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

ANNC: No break. Right in the middle. Boy, that is a well-played hole right there.

ANNC: So, you think that birdie helps, but it makes him stay at 31. However, he's only one birdie away from getting into that top 30, now.

CHRIS GOTTERUP: We were talking the other day like if we were a month out and you said, you're going to be here with the chance to fight for East Lake you would have signed for that. So, I would have liked to have played better these last couple of weeks. But all things considered, think like, sure, it's been a good season.

C3 – LAST LOOK WITH COLLIN MORIKAWA

JOINING GOTTERUP IN ATLANTA IS COLLIN MORIKAWA. WHO SPENT SOME TIME DETAILING HIS THOUGHTS ON THE UNIQUE LAYOUT OF CAVES VALLEY.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: I'm trying to figure out where are we? And like, where's my left off the tee?

MARK URBANEK: Yeah. So say down 24.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: So 280 line.

MARK URBANEK: It's going to be just left of where he. So that is 280 adjusted is right there.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: We played Caves Valley four years ago. And it was a very different golf course even though they haven't changed too much. But just to get, you know, accustomed to the shots, you're going to be hitting the rough, how it's going to be. I think when we play golf so

much, we see it from one perspective that actually walking a golf course is sometimes nice to really take in as much as you can see where the best spots are, really take in the greens as much as you can.

And at the end of the day, you just have to execute your shots. And that's part of it is you know, you can practice, practice all you want, but you still have to execute that when you're showing up on Thursday,

COLLIN MORIKAWA: We're in the rough and you have a back pin. He almost like, don't. I guess it depends how a good lie is because I if it's a back pin on the right, you can't really miss that far left.

If you miss right, you're handcuffed. And if it gets one hop and it's perfect. And if not, then you take it. That's not brutal. Pin on if it was a perfect full wedge where I knew well, I know I can't carry it past like essentially I don't think you're ever carrying a past the edge of the bunker.

Yeah. I mean, you hit it through it and it lands 270. And if I end up right here, driver, you got cut one, you pull it a little bit.

But this rough doesn't look bad at all though. Like you throw a ball you throw a ball in there.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: I think as golfers we always wake up thinking we can do everything. We can go out and shoot 65 or 62 and, go in a golf tournament. That's what's great about golf, is that it gives you kind of a fresh start. You know, even throughout a tournament, like it gives you a fresh start every day. Ready for for the challenge of this, especially this golf course. This is a big this is a big golf course.

And with all the changes, it's just like you got to be on it. There's there's no faking around this golf course.

D1 – TEE IT UP / FEC STANDINGS

LET'S TEE IT UP FOR THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP THIS WEEK.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER HEADS TO ATLANTA FRESH OFF A WIN AT THE BMW CHAMPIONSHIP LOOKING TO BECOME THE FIRST PLAYER TO WIN BACK-TO-BACK FEDEX CUP TITLES. HE WOULD JOIN TIGER WOODS AND RORY MCILROY AS THE ONLY GOLFERS TO WIN IT MULTIPLE TIMES.

RORY MCILROY IS ALREADY A RECORD HOLDER WITH THREE FEDEX CUP TITLES. THOSE THREE WINS HAVE ALL COME WITHIN THE LAST NINE YEARS, AND A FOURTH TITLE WOULD BE A NICE BOOKEND TO A YEAR THAT STARTED WITH THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP AND A GREEN JACKET.

THERE ARE NO STARTING STROKES AT THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP. NUMBER 30, AKSHAY BHATIA, HAS JUST AS GOOD A CHANCE AS SCHEFFLER. HE MADE THIS HOLE IN ONE TO MAKE HIM THE BUBBLE BOY. AND IT SPRINGBOARDED HIMSELF RIGHT INTO EAST LAKE.

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE FINAL FEDEX CUP STANDINGS AHEAD OF THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

PLAYERS OF NOTE ARE MAVERICK MCNEELY AND HARRY HALL. TWO PLAYERS WHO HAVE HAD SOLID YEARS. AND A WIN AT EAST LAKE COULD HELP THEIR CASE FOR RYDER CUP SELECTION FOR THE U-S OR EUROPEAN TEAM.

AND AN UNSUNG SEASON PUT TOGETHER BY JACOB BRIDGEMAN – FIVE TOP TENS IN HIS SECOND YEAR ON THE PGA TOUR. HE MAKES HIS FIRST TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

D2 – TV TIMES

IT ALL COMES DOWN TO THIS. WHO WILL TAKE HOME THE PGA TOUR'S ULTIMATE PRIZE, SOMETHING THAT WILL BE HARDER TO ACHIEVE THIS TIME AROUND.

D3 – EAST LAKE RESTORED

ANDREW GREEN: We pulled a lot of the shaping the features from some of the historical documentation, but then also kind of had to present what we felt like those look like on the ground. The Greens have an incredibly unique shape, very interesting. Some places where the they're squared off corners, some places where there's appendages that flow left or right and that allows us to really provide a variety of hole locations.

GARY YOUNG: It was pretty clear from the top players that they wanted to see a more challenging set up. Everyone starting from scratch, playing for it all. So, let's amp up the set up a bit. Let's try to have a fair but challenging set up for the best players in the world.

CHARLES AUBRY: You have particular areas where Andrew built plateaus into the Greens are Built areas into the Greens where they're they're almost like a green within a green. And accessing some of those locations can be very difficult sometimes, especially when your greens are immature. After a year of growth, the plant has developed more root structure to it. So the greens are able to receive shots in a much better manner than they were last year.

JASON GORE: Putting it back here, and it's almost like this little finger back here. Yeah. And anything that kind of landed over here was just catapulting over.

GARY YOUNG: Well, I would think that now he could go back there for sure.

JASON GORE: This is a perfect example where you like, you want to hit some here and have some feedback here. This is one of those ones where you have to just be patient with, right. If you try to go right at it, it lands on this a little bit of downslope. It's a little firm. It's going over. If you want to try to stuff it, you better hit a really good golf shot.

GARY YOUNG: Could you fade that and grow just this intermediate up between now in the tournament?

CHARLES AUBRY: Yeah, We could.

GARY YOUNG: Just to beef up the cushion between there in the water. That's about what I was looking for for a primary aim was here and we wanted a ball that just kind of trickled off the green to get down there a little bit further away. Longer recovery shot and have the water be somewhere in pipe.

GARY YOUNG: There's a great hole location that's just over the top of that yellow stake there short of the green. But in order for these guys to take that on, that would probably be where we would move down on to this tee and put a short enough club that they have no choice but to take it on. It's going to play probably somewhere in the 160-165 range from down there, and then from up here you've got some strong hole locations on the right, at least two rounds, possibly three from these two tees here, two up here, one there and then one from across the dam over there. It's visually more intimidating from over there.

GARY YOUNG: Hit one from down there. I want to see that. Of course, most guys last year when they were practicing were putting it.

JASON GORE: You're not going to stand there. No. Oh, God. Take two. Now you got. Now you got me nervous, Gary.

GARY YOUNG: That's all right. That was about as good as it gets.

JASON GORE: Barely make it?

GARY YOUNG: You're an inch from the hole.

JASON GORE: You just can't hit it here. If you're smart, you play it over here and just try to make bogey. Right. And, like. And then that's what happens.

GARY YOUNG: I mean, that's that's a heck of an elevation and very sharp. So it's coming right back to you. If you don't...

JASON GORE: Turn two a Daytona.

GARY YOUNG: You're playing for everything, right. And the tougher the golf course plays, the scoring stays tighter. More guys involved. It's going to keep the best players in the mix.