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A1 - USO Champ Winner

CLARK IMPRESSIVE ANNC: What Wyndham Clark is doing // incredibly, incredibly impressive.

WYNDHAM CLARK WENT WIRE TO WIRE TO CAPTURE BOTH HIS SECOND US OPEN VICTORY AND HIS SECOND WIN THIS SEASON, WITH DAVE PELEKODAS ON THE BAG.

NEW CADDIE ANNC: Sometimes you need that // A different face, different voice, might even be something as simple as telling you the same things in a different way.

CLARK CONFIDENCE SOT: Beginning of the year there was a lot of unknowns. Just didn't quite know where my game was at and I hadn't done what I've been wanting to do on the course and so now winning and doing this // my confidence is definitely a lot higher.

ANNC: Ball striking this year has been good for Wyndham Clark, he finally settled on that putter in hand a few months ago, and that really helped him contend once again, helped him win once again.

CLARK SOT: I did a lot of work this off-season working on my golf swing. Then I started hitting it better but wasn't making the putts, and then finally landed on a great putter, and then everything's been kind of coming together, so // I feel like my game's trending in a great direction to continue to have success through the rest of the year.

A2- Setup Talent Convo on USO

ON THE HEELS OF A DRAMATIC US OPEN, MATT EVERY AND CHANTEL MCCABE SAT DOWN TO DISCUSS THE ACTION FROM SHINNECOCK.

A3 - Talent Convo on U.S. Open

MCCABE SOT: And with Wyndham Clark, now a two time U.S. open champion and a five time PGA TOUR winner, he grabbed the lead on Thursday, held it all the way through Sunday, even given some turbulence in that final round. Let's first focus on his play. What impressed you most about how he executed?

EVERY SOT: Well, let's look in his golf bag. I mean second in strokes gained putting this week, fourth in distance off the tee. That right there tells me the story overall. However, Chantel, the story online this week was how lucky Wyndham was getting off the tee, spraying it a little bit into the fescue, finding some bare spots where the gallery was walking as well, and he took advantage of those breaks, but I don't I don't want to overlook this. His caddie, big wave Dave, nobody charts a golf course like big wave Dave and I promise you,

yes, there was some luck involved in some of the places he was hitting it, but they also knew there were some dry spots out there. We could pound driver and if we if we get a hit, a squirrely one, it might not be the end of the world. I think that right there might go overlooked a bit. Another spot in this championship I think was pivotal very late 16. The layup out of the rough that ball carried. If that ball doesn't fly, if it flies a yard shorter, this is a different championship. And we got a different guy holding this trophy. It's probably Sam Burns. That ball is going to plug underneath the lip. If not stay in the lip. He's not making birdie. The putt, the 30 footer never even ends up happening. What a putt. It was a from Wyndham. Unbelievable championship.

A5 - FEC Standings

WITH HIS SECOND WIN THIS SEASON, WYNDHAM MOVES INTO THE TOP 10 IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS, SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER MOVES INTO THE NUMBER ONE SPOT, AND SAM BURNS MOVES UP 22 SPOTS FOLLOWING HIS SOLO SECOND FINISH AT THE US OPEN.

A6 - Segue to Spaun

ONE YEAR AGO, JJ SPAUN WON THE US OPEN AT OAKMONT. WE LOOK BACK THIS WEEK AT HIS ELECTRIC VICTORY, AND THE RELIEF IT BROUGHT HIM AFTER A MONUMENTAL MOMENT DURING HIS WIN.

A7 - J.J. Spaun Feature

SPAUN SOT: Total blackout. I don't remember anything. When I rewatched the footage, it's funny seeing the putter flying and, you know, jumping up and down with Mark and just dancing in the rain. I think it was more of like a relief. It was like, wow. Like finally got to this point and finish it off. And now it's over. And, you know, it was just a lot of, yeah, relief, excitement, joy and just an unbelievable moment.

HOVLAND SOT: It was pretty crazy. I mean, I was I honestly don't remember how I processed it. It was like, I couldn't really believe that that happened.

SPAUN SOT: I wanted to get the ball past the hole because I knew that would be more of an uphill putt if I missed. But I also didn't want to, you know, hit like a weak low right putt because that slope on the right side of the green was coming into play, and that could actually take it down to another 30 feet away from the hole, so, two putts. Great. You need two putts. But three you still have a chance to win the tournament. And I just tried to use that mindset to kind of take some pressure off on obviously what was at stake. And you know, it helped me mentally feel better over the putt.

MCILROY SOT: I think JJ, over the course of his career has shown an unbelievable amount of determination. You know, he had a couple of bad years where he didn't play the golf that he wanted to play. He also had some health issues that he needed to address as well. And you know, to see him come back from those and play the golf that he's played this year has been incredible.

SPAUN SOT: It's crazy. I mean, I feel like the last couple years have been kind of on the opposite ends of the spectrum. You know, battling, losing my card. And now I'm battling the, the disorientation of being like a top ten player in the world. So, you know, it's a complete, you know, flip reversal for me. But, you know, it's cool. That's the beauty of the sport. You feel like sometimes you're so far from playing good golf, but in reality you're not. And I think that shows the fine line within the PGA TOUR as well. Like guys that are, you know, around the top 50 to 100. Like those guys can have breakout years any day. So that's the beauty of the sport. And just my time was last year.

B1 - Canadian Open Winner plus Walk

AT THE RBC CANADIAN OPEN, IT WAS A SPECIAL MAIDEN PGA TOUR VICTORY FOR BUD CAULEY AND HIS FAMILY, AND BUD WORE A MIC FOLLOWING THE WIN.

BUD NATS: What is going on back there?

SOT: I think your kids are stealing the show.

BUD NATS: Yeah.

KRISTI: Hi!

BUD NATS: What should we do? Should we... or do you want to come next week?

BUD NATS: I got something in my teeth? All right, great.

KRISTI: No you're good.

NATS: I hope he's not too strong because that lid can pop off.

BUD NATS: He is a little bit of a bruiser. Easy there! You can't eat it.

BUD NATS: Right back to real life.

KRISTI: It's 30 seconds long.

BUD NATS: Ope! Uh oh. I'm going to need this back. Thank you.

KRISTI: OK.

BUD NATS: Thank you.

KRISTI: His new buddy. He wins an award for stopping a tantrum right as you were playing.

BUD NATS: Really?

KRISTI: Yeah. He had a pen and I was like, he likes coloring.

B2 - Tee it Up - Travelers

WHILE BUD CAULEY SECURED HIS FIRST PGA TOUR WIN, CAMERON YOUNG HAS 2 WINS ALREADY THIS SEASON, COMING AT THE PLAYERS AND THE CADILLAC CHAMPIONSHIP ... HIS BEST FINISH AT TPC RIVER HIGHLANDS IS T9 IN 2024 ... THE SAME YEAR HE SHOT A 59...

TOMMY FLEETWOOD FINISHED RUNNER-UP LAST YEAR IN A CLOSE CALL TO KEEGAN BRADLEY ... FLEETWOOD RANKED T3 IN DRIVING ACCURACY LAST YEAR AT TPC RIVER HIGHLANDS, WHICH WILL COME IN HANDY IF HE HAS IDEAS OF CAPTURING HIS SECOND PGA TOUR VICTORY...

AND LAST YEAR'S CHAMPION, KEEGAN BRADLEY...THE NEW ENGLAND NATIVE HAS SAID TIME AND TIME AGAIN HOW MUCH HE LOVES THIS TOURNAMENT ... BOTH WINS IN CONNECTICUT HAVE COME IN THE LAST 3 YEARS... HE'LL LOOK TO ADD ANOTHER TO THE LIST IN FRONT OF THE HOME CROWD.

B3 - Segue Woodland

A PAST US OPEN CHAMPION, GARY WOODLAND QUALIFIED FOR THE FINAL SIGNATURE EVENT FOLLOWING HIS INSPIRING WIN EARLIER THIS SEASON IN HOUSTON...

B4 - Gary Woodland Career Journey

WOODLAND SOT: Anybody that's struggling with something. I hope they see me and don't give up.

ANNC: Gary Woodland, a guy we're going to be interested to watch a little more of as the week goes on. Huge hitter. This guy hits it so big. He's still just 24 years old.

NATS: Have a good one.

ANNC: Make it 17 at 17 as Woodland flashes that confidence look once again.

ANNC: Gary Woodland, another one of those guys with his backgrounds really in other sports and kind of moving toward golf a little bit later in his athletic career.

WOODLAND SOT: My dream growing up was to play basketball, wanted to play in the NBA. I mean, growing up in Kansas, everybody plays basketball it's what you do. But I had a great

time. And, you know, I transferred over to golf. As I got older, I started to play a little bit better and realized, you know, if I had a future in this game, down the road, if I put the time and effort in, that's what we're here. We're here to win every week. You know, we're not here to be number one in the world. We're here to sustain number one in the world.

ANNC: Now he's a two time champion on the PGA TOUR.

ANNC: Gary Woodland is the champion here in Phoenix.

WOODS SOT: Gary Woodland, what he displayed this year at Pebble Beach and winning the U.S. Open. That was awfully special. And we've all known the talent that Wood has had. He's just now figuring out putting it together.

ANNC: This has been a massive story the last couple of months. Gary Woodland had to have brain surgery.

WOODLAND SOT: I started feeling some symptoms in April, a couple weeks after Augusta. I mean, the big one is I just wasn't feeling like myself, but it was, a lot of jolting, especially in the middle of the night shaking, hands were really trimmering, a lot of fear. And that was the one that scared me the most. The jolting and everything I was experience at night was actually partial seizures. The lesion in my brain set on the part of the brain that controls fear and anxiety. It's here. So it's a craniotomy. So they cut me open all the way down to my ear, opened it up, cut about a baseball sized hole in my skull and then went in through that, and then put it back with plates and screws. So I got a robotic head, I guess.

ANNC: A lot of fans have worked for Gary Woodland since his emotional acknowledgment the week of the Players Championship that he's been suffering from PTSD.

WOODLAND SOT: I'll tell you what. I was nervous to come out. I was, it's been something I've battled now for over a year. But last week, my caddie said it was the best he's seen me in ... since he can remember. I think just releasing it now. I can focus my energy on myself and what I need to do, to be successful instead of wasting my energy trying to hide something.

ANNC: Well, the last time Gary Woodland took a winning walk up the 18th on the PGA tour was almost seven years ago. Amid all that great Monterey Peninsula splendor at Pebble Beach.

ANNC: And golf's latest improbable comeback story. And is it ever a good one? Belongs to Gary Woodland.

C1 – Rejoin

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C2 - Setup Akshay Unheard

EARLIER THIS YEAR, WE WERE GIVEN UNIQUE ACCESS WITH AKSHAY BHATIA AS HE WAS MIC'ED FOR THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP WITH HIS CADDIE, JOE GREINER. THEY'LL LOOK FOR SUCCESS THIS WEEK AT TPC RIVER HIGHLANDS AS THEY CHASE ANOTHER SIGNATURE EVENT VICTORY.

C3 - Akshay Unheard Unheard Content

NATS: That is my favorite stat in golf, baby. Bounce back. Thick jam dog.

BHATIA: 98. 105. That's with the add on the 12.

CADDIE: Got it.

BHATIA: Covered.

CADDIE: Yep. It's perfect.

CADDIE: Great shot, dude. Great little wedge.

CADDIE: Good shot, dude.

GOTTERUP SOT: Yeah. Good one out of that.

BHATIA SOT: I need to get better at that shot, man.

CADDIE: Which one? Fairway bunker? Yeah. It's tough.

BHATIA: Hey, Chris, can you grab me a water? Thank you.

CADDIE: It feels like we've been chaotically running for the last, like, 18 minutes. Like, just so much going on and on the clock.

BHATIA: Dude. Yeah, I know. Like, especially when the divs are in the bunker and you're like, you get it? I'll find the rake. I want to make this, actually.

CADDIE: OK, I would love that. I like that mentality.

CADDIE: Maybe that's what we do on easy chips. Like, how do you do that?

BHATIA: I just told myself what I was gonna do there.

CADDIE: Good.

BHATIA: I'm gonna stand up. Lean the shaft, I'm gonna gouge it. It's not going to be cutting. It's not going to be drawing. You think Seven's enough if I'm holding it?

CADDIE: It's a great question. I think if you're holding it. But it still moves a fraction left to right. Yes. I think if you're purely holding it, I think it's stretching.

BHATIA: Feel like it's got to be this.

CADDIE: Yeah I, dude, if you see hold, then that's the best way for it for us to finish it. You know, right of the pin. It's perfect. You can even think 80 hold in your head because 60 covers and 60's playing closer to 75.

CADDIE: Yeah, dude.

BHATIA: What a freaking shot, man. I mean, exactly how I saw it.

BHATIA: Like, absolute greatness right there.

CADDIE: At this very moment. Could you love golf any more than this one second after doing something like that?

BHATIA: Yeah, I could have made it.

NATS: Here we go Jersey. Here we go Jersey.

CADDIE: Who needs speed?

BHATIA: Thanks.

CADDIE Snuck it in the right side.

BHATIA: Yes.

CADDIE: Do you like that read?

BHATIA: Yeah, dog. I think I aimed at a little right because of the wind. But there's like no grass here, so I'm like...

CADDIE: It was a birdie the whole way.

BHATIA: That feels good.

CADDIE: You think? What a day.

BHATIA: Obviously last week was ridiculous. You know, tough golf course. These last two weeks are major championship venues. You know so winning last week was amazing. Feeling that high is always amazing. And then yeah just trying to reset and come here and play tough golf course with the conditions we had. It was definitely a different challenge. I haven't normally played great off of a win and so this week was definitely better. I just never really got anything out of it. And that was the most frustrating part is because I played nice.

You know, I was just looking at my stats obviously like first in approach, fourth in driving, short game was not good. And then just, you know, just dumb mental habits of like or mental mistakes of three putting too many too many lows. So it's tough because I played really nice here last year. But all in all yeah good couple of weeks.

BHATIA: Bye, guys.

D1 - Jake Knapp - My Swing

KNAPP SOT: Do I like my swing? That's \$1 million question. When it's good, it's in sync. I would say is a good way to describe it. For the most part, I try to feel like everything's just kind of moving in unison that nothing's moving too fast. Nothing's moving too slow. And, yeah, that everything's just kind of synced up. That's that's what I kind of focus on the most.

KNAPP SOT: I wouldn't say I've always had great tempo. I feel like, I used to, swing at either 100 or 105%. And over the years I've learned how to kind of slow it down and control it. So, I mean, I'm probably like 85 ish percent, something like that. I mean, I feel like Tiger in my generation is who everybody kind of tried to copy. And then Freddie and Vijay, Ernie Els, guys like that. I feel like their swings always just looked so in balance, so under control. I feel like I do a really good job of letting everything out at the very bottom of my swing, which is kind of what you want, I think a lot of people try to get get faster, swing hard from up here. And that's where you see people either cast it or, you know, they just start to look really out of sync, and either their hands have to catch up and their body has to slow down, sort of.

KNAPP SOT: So for me, I felt like, if you were to move a really heavy object, your body's going to learn how to move naturally. Just a lot more efficient. And so that's kind of how I think about the golf swing is like, I want to try to be as efficient as I can. So I think most people would probably benefit from that rather than trying to go full out all the time.

KNAPP SOT: I'd say I can carry it like 330 ish or so. If it's just, like, flat, no crazy wind or anything like that. But I would say my carry is probably closer to like 315 on normal. And then I usually carry it like or ball speeds, usually right around like the mid 80s. I tend to like to just move it left to right. If I really am on a hole where I need to draw or something, that's usually where I'll check down to, like, mini driver and hit a draw. But usually I have 3 to 4 shots. I really have, like, my stock shot, like a high sendy ish kind of one. And then I have one that, you know, is still, like, pretty standard, but then it's just if it's into the wind and I just want to flight it down to still hit it about the same distance. And then I have, kind of a fairway finder where I'll choke down a little bit and that'll be more of like a little stinger fade.

KNAPP SOT: It just comes out through a really nice, like, low window. Feel like I can aim down like the left edge of the fairway and just hits like a slight little cut.

KNAPP SOT: Yeah. With, with mini, I feel like for me, I'm not trying to be is, like, as optimized or as perfect with it. It's more just like a position shot. So, it just feels like a very easy go to shot for me. 17 at, like Torrey Pines where you have like canyon left, bunker right. And you feel like you have to hit that fairway like every day. I was able to aim basically just down the left rough line. Trust the fact that it's just going to be a nice little low cut and hit the fairway every day, so it's been a very, very nice club for me

KNAPP SOT: Do I like my swing? I mean, I like it. I think there's constantly things I'm trying to improve on, though. I mean, overall, I like my swing, but I think there's, you know, there's times and days where I don't like it very much, you know, I'm not necessarily a perfectionist, but I'm definitely always trying to make it better. I feel like it can always be better and I can always be better as a player.

D2 - TV Times Travelers

JAKE KNAPP JOINS AN ELITE FIELD AT TPC RIVER HIGHLANDS THIS WEEK, WHERE ONE OF THE CHALLENGES HE'LL MEET IS THE PAR-5 13TH HOLE.

D3 - Champions Hole - Travelers

THE PGA TOUR IS IN NEW ENGLAND FOR THE TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP THIS WEEK, AND USING HISTORICAL DATA AND COURSE INSIGHTS, WE'VE IDENTIFIED THE CHAMPION'S HOLE...

WITH A FIELD OF GREAT PLAYERS VYING FOR A CHAMPIONSHIP, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE ONE SPOT IN PARTICULAR WHERE THE WINNING PERFORMANCE IS DEFINED...

MEASURING AT 523 YARDS, THE PAR 5 13TH HOLE AT TPC RIVER HIGHLANDS IS WHERE YOU MUST SCORE IF YOU WANT TO WIN... SINCE 2003, THE AVERAGE SCORE BY THE FIELD AT 13 IS BELOW PAR AT 4.78... BUT YOU NEED TO GO A THIRD OF A STROKE LOWER TO MATCH WHAT PREVIOUS CHAMPS HAVE DONE...

ANNC: All in all, pretty good. Heck yeah!

TO GO THAT LOW, BIRDIE OR BETTER IS A MUST...

ANNC: For birdie at 13 the par 5, and he rolls it in there!

21 OF THE LAST 23 WINNERS AT CROMWELL HAVE PLAYED THE HOLE UNDER PAR... OVER THAT SPAN, THE CHAMPIONS HAVE RECORDED BIRDIE OR BETTER ON THE 13TH HOLE OVER 56 PERCENT OF THE TIME – THE HIGHEST RATE OF ANY HOLE ON THE COURSE...

ANNC: Keegan Bradley, a birdie!

THERE IS NO GREATER ILLUSTRATION OF THE RAZOR-THIN MARGIN BETWEEN VICTORY AND DISAPPOINTMENT THAN WHEN A TOURNAMENT GOES TO A PLAYOFF... THAT'S HAPPENED AT THE TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP 6 TIMES SINCE 2010... AND IN FIVE OF THOSE INSTANCES, THE WINNER IN THE PLAYOFF OUTSCORED HIS OPPONENT ON THE 13TH HOLE...

ANNC: That was a great shot.

THAT INCLUDES TWO YEARS AGO – WHEN SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER WENT EAGLE, BIRDIE, BIRDIE, BIRDIE...

ANNC: Great eagle!

5-UNDER IS THE BEST SCORE ON THIS HOLE BY ANY EVENTUAL CHAMPION, AND IT HELPED PUT SCHEFFLER INTO A PLAYOFF, WHERE HE WOULD BEAT TOM KIM FOR HIS 4TH SIGNATURE EVENT WIN IN 8 STARTS THAT YEAR...

WITH SCHEFFLER GOING 5-UNDER IN 2024 AND KEEGAN BRADLEY GOING 3-UNDER IN 2025 – THOSE TWO CHAMPIONS HAVE PLAYED THE 13TH HOLE AT TPC RIVER HIGHLANDS EIGHT TIMES AND ARE A COMBINED 8-UNDER PAR... AND IT IS THAT KIND OF SCORING THAT MAKES IT THE CHAMPION'S HOLE.