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JANET MASTERS: Good morning, everyone. My name is Janet Masters, I'm with American Family Insurance and it's my pleasure to welcome J.J., Derek and T.J. Watt to the American Family Insurance Championship and the media center.

Thanks for being here. The three of you had the opportunity to meet the honorary starter, Charlie Kuehl, and his parents this morning. Can you tell us about that experience?

J.J. WATT: It was great. It was good to meet Charlie and have a chance to just play a little golf with him. He had a lot of energy. It was good. We putted some balls. He told us about how he was on the first tee, I think, with Steve, right? Yeah, he was a very cute little kid.

DEREK WATT: It was a cool experience. He had some of his little toys with him as well and kind of just telling us about himself. Got to meet his parents and, like I said, got to have a little fun playing around with him.

T.J. WATT: I think it's cool that he came from the Children's Hospital because, dating back to our days in Wisconsin, we liked to go over to the Children's Hospital and just be able to see the kids. Just be able to make an impact for a child just for a brief moment is something that we truly pride ourselves on. I hope he had as much fun as we did.

JANET MASTERS: Oh, I'm sure he did. You're obviously all very passionate about philanthropy and that's one of the reasons why you're here supporting the AmFam Championship.

Can you tell us a little bit about where that came from and how it became such a priority and so important to all of you to be able to give back and help people?

DEREK WATT: I know we've talked about it in the past. Our parents, first of all, raised us just tremendously. Can't thank them enough for the way that they brought us up. They've always kind of taught us it takes a community. It's not just them, it's a full community effort, and we've always felt that wherever we are, we want to make that difference in the community and try to bring everyone together and help anybody in any way we can. So just kind of getting involved as much as possible is how we approach it.

J.J. WATT: Yeah, we're very fortunate. I mean, we get to play a game for a living. We came from a great family, we came from a great place, and we understand that we have a platform that we can use to make a difference in the world. We also understand that not

everybody has it as fortunate as we did growing up. Just that opportunity to give back and the opportunity to try and make a difference in somebody's life, we feel like it's a bit of a waste if we don't take advantage of that.

JANET MASTERS: I'll open it up now to questions from the media.

Q. Boys, welcome back. As you know, you have so much love here in this state, and you guys are spread out across the country. What is the first thing you do when you return back to Wisconsin?

J.J. WATT: Well, I mean, I literally, the first thing I did when I got off the plane yesterday was, well, I went and saw Derek. Derek's nephew --

DEREK WATT: Son.

J.J. WATT: My nephew, his son is here. So the first thing, we try and obviously get together. So I went to my parents' house, saw Logan, had a chance to meet with them. And then we try and get with our friends, because that's one of the best parts about being back here is our family and our friends.

So we hit the golf course, and then we try as hard as we can to avoid Culver's because it doesn't exactly fit into our diet. Inevitably there will be at least one stop at Culver's on the weekend.

T.J. WATT: This is very rare because we're all here together, but usually when it's just one or two of us, it's immediate text messages with pictures, trying to make everyone else jealous because obviously everyone wants to be back here. I think we all just love this place so much and it's awesome to get to spend it together. I think we really cherish these moments.

DEREK WATT: Definitely. My first night back I met up with some of my friends after seeing T.J. and my parents and stuff like that. Like I said, we've got a lot of people back here that we love and we miss when we're not here and just love being back in Wisconsin.

Q. So when you guys do play golf, what is it like and does it ever get out of hand? Are there wagers?

J.J. WATT: Derek, how'd it go yesterday?

DEREK WATT: Yeah, J.J.'s gotten a little better. J.J.'s gotten better at golf, but he spent about a couple hours doing a fitting and all that stuff. He had blisters to show for it apparently, but they were worth it.

T.J. WATT: He can afford the best clubs, too.

DEREK WATT: Yeah. I just get my dad's. I just borrow my dad's clubs.

J.J. WATT: Wait a second, wait a second. I can afford the best clubs? All three of us are in the NFL.

DEREK WATT: I don't golf.

J.J. WATT: Don't tell them what the scores were because --

T.J. WATT: I'll see you at the course tomorrow, buddy.

J.J. WATT: How many strokes did I beat you by yesterday?

T.J. WATT: I'll see you at the course tomorrow.

DEREK WATT: Well, you beat me. That was the first time that I ever golfed in over a year.

J.J. WATT: How many strokes did I beat you by on nine holes?

DEREK WATT: You beat me by 10 strokes. You've had seven outings, a four-hour session of your own fitted clubs. I had dad's clubs.

J.J. WATT: Hey, I am proud of my 47. Very proud.

T.J. WATT: I'm jealous of your 47.

J.J. WATT: All right, we'll get back on track.

Q. Kind of kills the follow-up question. If you had someone to fill out a foursome, ideally who would it be? Doesn't sound like there's room for a fourth in your group.

J.J. WATT: It would be somebody good at golf because we all stink. Somebody could teach us. I mean, we literally, we play with our buddies, we play on public courses. We played Naga-Waukee course yesterday. We like just playing regular -- because we're not good. We just do it for the camaraderie, do it for the fun with our friends, with our brothers. And we suck, so it's fun.

But if I had a dream fourth, who would play? I mean, I think Brett Favre said it the other day, Jack Nicklaus is playing with him I think tomorrow, so that would be pretty cool. He would destroy me, but it would be pretty cool.

DEREK WATT: Anybody would destroy you on the tour, yes.

J.J. WATT: I beat you by 10 strokes yesterday. Stop talking trash.

DEREK WATT: Let me get back into golf. I'd like to play with Tiger Woods. That'd be pretty awesome to be able to play with Tiger Woods.

T.J. WATT: Anybody I could beat. I'm the worst up here, I'm not afraid to admit it. So anyone that's worse than me would be fun to play with so I could win for once.

Q. J.J., there was an Instagram post of you on a golf course this spring barefoot, no shirt. Is that your preferred way to play a round of golf?

J.J. WATT: That is by far my preferred way to play a round of golf because when you're not good at the game, you might as well have some good views and have a couple of good drinks with you. Yeah, me and my buddies, that was down in the Bahamas. When you can play golf with no shirt and no shoes it's a much more enjoyable way when you're shooting a triple bogey.

Q. J.J., I guess is this question -- you'll be back here in a couple months. For practical purposes, what do joint practices do for you, and have you spent a week -- when was the last time you would have spent a week in Green Bay?

J.J. WATT: I mean, joint practices are always good because you get a chance to go against somebody else. You know, training camp can get long with going against the same guys every day and battling against your same teammates every day, so it's a chance to see a different jersey and see different looks and different players.

And then obviously I'm thrilled and excited to be back in Green Bay and to be playing in Wisconsin. Have a chance -- the last time we played here I was injured, so I couldn't play at Lambeau.

So being a kid growing up, I went to one day of training camp and I watched from the fence, and I went over to the parking lot and threw a tee-shirt over for autographs. Like, I did all that and I watched them bike over. I'll never forget looking through that fence and just thinking to myself, those guys do this for a living. That to me was one of the coolest things in the world. I literally couldn't wrap my head around the fact that they got to play football for a living.

So that was one of those moments that kind of led me down that path to where I am today. And for me to go back there and to practice there and to be able to play in Lambeau, I think it all comes full circle for me and it's going to be a really, really cool experience. I'm more excited that we're playing a preseason game there than I am a regular season because I get to do the practice experience and kind of live out that dream that I had as a kid.

Q. With Brett Favre being here and you obviously already mentioned him, for you and T.J. more specifically, he had a fun time on Instagram this week for an hour or so with him potentially or one of his Instagram posts went out there saying that he was going to come back to the NFL. How much would you guys have loved to have been able to

go up against him?

T.J. WATT: I think it would have been a heck of a challenge, but I also think just growing up the number one takeaway from a guy like Brett Favre is just how much fun that he had playing the game. So I think anytime you can go up against a competitor like that, I think it will bring out the best in any defender, especially growing up idolizing him and being able to watch him, and just his improvisation on the field is what makes him so good.

So just to be able to try to get him down -- I'm not saying we'd be able to get him down, but just to be able to try to be on the field with him would be pretty special.

J.J. WATT: I saw him just I think it was like two weeks ago and I remarked about how he looked like he could still play. I didn't think he was going to take it seriously. But the guy, he's in good shape. Obviously he did it for so long. Like T.J. said, just the way he played the game. I think that's what you admired about him growing up watching him. That's what all the fans loved about him was that he played the game the way I feel like all fans would play the game if they got the opportunity to. The love, the passion, the energy, the recklessness. He did whatever it took to win, and however he could make his body work to get the ball to the end zone, that's what he did. I think that's something that we all admired growing up and that's kind of the way we try and play the game because he laid that path. If a regular fan could go out there and play the game, they would play with that much passion and energy and that's what he did.

Q. I know obviously November is right in the heart of what you're doing, but any chance to watch the game against Minnesota and any thoughts of the ax going north for the first time in 15 years?

T.J. WATT: No thoughts we should probably share on open microphones.

DEREK WATT: It was tough. We watched it, we watched it. I like to watch as many games as possible and that was tough to watch. That was unfortunate, that's for sure.

J.J. WATT: I don't like it, I don't like it at all, but it's good they got a chance to see what it looks like. It's been a while.

Q. So you guys are going to be announcing at 18. Are you going to stick to script or are you going to be like Royal Rumble-type stuff?

J.J. WATT: I announced it last year at 18 and I didn't know like -- I mean, it's a professional golf tournament, so I did it by the book. And then the guys started talking to me from the green, which I thought was interesting, so I realized it's more relaxed. So we may have a little more fun with it this year. And we all have a little bit of experience now with announcing on Tag, our TV show. We all have a little bit of experience with announcing and maybe we'll have some fun with it today. As long as there's no teleprompters, T.J. will be fine.

Q. Hey, guys. Bart Starr obviously played and coached before you guys were born, but wondering if you had ever any interactions with him and what you think of his passing of a Wisconsin legend?

J.J. WATT: I mean, he's a legend. I mean, he was obviously before our time, we never got a chance to see him, but I think his legend and the story and the history of the Green Bay Packers and everything that he accomplished and the Super Bowls. He laid the foundation for obviously a great organization and for the league. I mean, so his passing is extremely sad, but I think it's also incredible to see the way people celebrated him. He was a great player and, from everything I've seen, a great man.

Q. I've got two questions over here. So first one, we got a new coach for the Packers. What do you hope for the Game of Thrones Extra and his team for the next season?

J.J. WATT: We don't care.

Q. No care?

J.J. WATT: No.

Q. All business, okay. Well, here's a fun one for you. If you guys like golf, do you like golf movies, and if so, Happy Gilmore or Caddyshack?

J.J. WATT: That's a good question. I mean, do you guys have an immediate answer?

DEREK WATT: I've seen Happy Gilmore more than Caddyshack honestly, but I know a lot of people love Caddyshack and it's a great movie, but personally, I like Happy Gilmore.

T.J. WATT: I feel like if they're both on, you have to watch them. It's one of those kind of shows where if it's on the TV, you can't skip past that channel. But I think we have a lot more one-liners from Happy Gilmore than we do Caddyshack.

J.J. WATT: Yeah, I feel like if I'm casually laying on the couch, Happy Gilmore, but if I'm going to sit down and watch a golf movie, Caddyshack.

DEREK WATT: I'll agree with that.

T.J. WATT: I think you get more inspired to go golfing if you watch Caddyshack as opposed to --

J.J. WATT: Well, yeah, because you're not using use a hockey stick.

JANET MASTERS: Anything else? Thank you so much.