

2024 PGA TOUR YEAR IN REVIEW
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EVERY NEW YEAR ON THE PGA TOUR BRINGS AN ABUNDANCE OF MEMORABLE MOMENTS... AND 2024 CONTINUED THE TREND.

IT WAS A YEAR OF FIRSTS...

ANNC: Savor the moment, you are a PGA TOUR winner for the very first time!

RECORD BREAKING AND HISTORICAL MOMENTS...

ANNC: Hideki Matuyama, his first playoff victory, his 10th PGA TOUR win!

THE RISE OF A NATIONAL HERO...

ANNC: Hands raised Matthieu Pavon!

UNPREDICTABLE PERFORMANCES...

ANNC: The first amateur to win on TOUR in more than 3 decades!

MAJOR VALIDATION...

ANNC: Yes! At long last.

AND CONTINUED GREATNESS...

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler still the king of the PGA TOUR!

THIS IS THE 2024 PGA TOUR, YEAR IN REVIEW.

SEASON SETUP

ANNC: It's sensational.

Unbelievable.

THERE ARE MANY WORDS TO DESCRIBE THE 2024 PGA TOUR SEASON...

ANNC: Magnifique. Tres magnifique. Just incredible.

AND AHEAD OF THEIR OPENING DRIVE, PLAYERS SYNONYMOUS WITH SUCCESS ESTABLISHED THEIR AMBITIONS.

ERIK VAN ROOYEN: One word to define 2024?

RUSSELL HENLEY: Describe my 2024?

SEPP STRAKA: Something that I'd strive for I think would be consistency.

JORDAN SPIETH: Consistent. I just want to be more consistent than last year.

RUSSELL HENLEY: I think that's how you spell it. Consistency.

JASON DAY: 100%. Because at the end of my career I want to know that I gave everything.

TOM KIM: That process of getting better every day is so much more important than just achieving something.

LUDVIG ÅBERG: Is that how you spell excitement?

ERIK VAN ROOYEN: Playing with courage, playing with trust, that's what we all strive for.

TONY FINAU: Strong. I want to be the strongest physically I've ever been, and hopefully that translates into emotional and mental strength.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Balance. I think it's all about balancing your life and being able to enjoy every aspect of it.

ADAM HADWIN: Why not? I think a lot of guys go to this. Why not me? Why him?

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Work. I always look back to the work that I put in to get to that place, and when I step on the first tee, it's time to go out and have fun and compete.

WHILE EACH'S SUCCESS WERE DEFINED DIFFERENTLY AT SEASON'S END, THE HISTORIC YEAR FOR SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER ALL CAME BACK TO THAT ONE WORD... WORK.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I always try to go back to my preparation. Being prepared is kind of what I pride myself on. When I step on the first tee, I remind myself that I'd done everything I could to play well.

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler punctuates his 2024 with a FedExCup title.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: If things aren't going my way, I try to stick to my process and continue to, to try to execute shots and not overthink things and go out there and just do the best I can each time.

ANNC: The mental strength and the fortitude of Scottie Scheffler really is unmatched.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I try to be as mentally tough as possible and I feel like going out and competing has always been my best skill. When I'm focused on just competing, I think that's when I play my best.

SCHEFFLER'S BEST IS A SCARY SIGHT FOR HIS COMPETITORS, AS THE WORLD NUMBER ONE CLAIMED FOUR OF THE EIGHT SIGNATURE EVENT TITLES IN 2024.

ANNC: I mean, how are you gonna beat him?

Scottie Scheffler is the king of Bay Hill again!

Yes! Scottie Scheffler is winner at the Memorial.

JUSTIN THOMAS: His golf game...it's just very right in front of you, fairway green, give himself a lot of birdie opportunities and just doesn't make many mistakes. If he makes a mistake, he's proven that he's likely to not make many more.

ANNC: You just gotta put it behind you. Scheffler's the best in the business at that kind of stuff. He'll miss one but by the time he's ready to hit his next shot, he's ready to go.

JUSTIN THOMAS: There is no part of his game that's bad and there's a lot of parts of it that are great and then if you add that with a great mentality and attitude while he's out there, you have no reason to get frustrated because I think he's proven that he's just going to kind of overcome it.

ANNC: You never see Scottie Scheffler that upset where it affects the next shot.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: That's something that I've developed over time. I was a bit too emotional on the golf course growing up. You know, I'd get pretty frustrated with myself, and it would definitely have an effect on my game and over time, maturing as a player and a person.

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler not feeling his best but gutting it through.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: It's helped me kind of take the good and the bad on the golf course a little bit better and just focus on the next shot.

ANNC: Unbelievable!

SCHEFFLER'S MATURATION ON THE COURSE WAS ON FULL DISPLAY AT TPC SAWGRASS. LOOKING TO BECOME THE FIRST TO DEFEND AT THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP, HE FACED A FIVE-SHOT DEFICIT IN THE FINAL ROUND.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Being mentally tough around that place is important because you can hit it really good but there's certain areas of the golf course where you just got to step up and hit great shots.

ANNC: Hey, hey, here comes number one in the world!

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: And that was something this year where, especially on Sunday, I was able to step up there and get off to a good start and just hit quality shots when I needed to under pressure and quality putts. I was very proud of how I finished off the close tournament like that.

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler is the 50th PLAYERS Champion, and the first to go back-to-back.

ONE MONTH LATER, SCHEFFLER TOOK HOME HIS SECOND GREEN JACKET ON HIS WAY TO SEVEN WINS ON THE PGA TOUR, THE MOST SINCE TIGER WOODS IN 2007.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: People show it in a different way. Tiger was very, very focused. Scottie looks a little bit more relaxed, but you know he's focused. I think that's what separates him and what separates some of the best players that have ever walked the sport is they just love to compete.

ANNC: This guy keeps rolling along with a measure of consistency that is mind boggling.

SAHITH THEEGALA: He's probably got the best distance control golf's seen in a long time and that's saying a lot with the amount of ball strikers that we have out on TOUR.

ANNC: He just does every facet of the game well.

ON PAPER, SCHEFFLER'S DOMINATION WAS EVIDENT, LEADING THE PGA TOUR IN MORE THAN 60 STATISTICAL CATEGORIES, THE MOST BY A GOLFER SINCE TIGER WOODS IN 2009.... AND HIS GREATNESS ALSO EXTENDED BEYOND THE TOUR, AS HE WON HIS FIRST OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Standing on the podium I think was definitely one of the coolest things that I'll ever experience in golf. With the whole family being there and Bennett and Mer, those are pretty special memories playing for the USA.

SCHEFFLER RETURNED FROM PARIS WITH HIS SIGHTS SET ON ANOTHER MILESTONE: WINNING HIS FIRST FEDEXCUP.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I think I've been No. 1 the last two years going into the tournament. I've had close calls there, and I'm looking forward to the challenge of going back there and playing with the lead again.

ANNC: Three in a row! So impressive. Looking to close the door.

One of the all-time seasons for Scottie Scheffler. Takes it all!

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I've been the Player of the Year for the TOUR the last two years, and I haven't left with this trophy. This year I did a good job of just staying in it mentally and keeping my head down and just had a really good week and was able to finish it off the right way.

ANNC: When you put it all together, back-to-back PLAYERS champion, to win a major, the Olympic gold medal, and to win the FedExCup title, it is a season that just may never be duplicated.

DESPITE THE HISTORIC SUCCESS ON THE COURSE, SCHEFFLER STAYS TRUE TO HIMSELF THANKS TO UNWAVERING SUPPORT FROM FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

SAM BURNS: That's kind of just who he is as a person.

NATS: Geeze, anybody got any tape?

SAM BURNS: He has a great perspective on life and has an amazing wife who keeps him grounded and I think his faith plays a big part. He understands that golf is his job and that's what he does but at the end of the day, it's not who he is and I think that is what has helped him so much.

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler with another tournament title. With his wife and son. This is Bennett's second win!

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I have great support. I have a great manager, great coach, great trainer, great wife, great family. I'm very fortunate to have the support system that I do at home and hey've all worked extremely hard to put me in this position where I can go out and compete and have fun and win or lose they're going to be there after the round and so, that's huge for me.

NATS: Are you so proud of your dad? Woo.

INTERNATIONAL WINNERS

ANNC: Absolute unreal stuff in the desert for Nick Taylor, another playoff win!

2024 FEATURED 15 INTERNATIONAL WINNERS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE.

ANNC: Cam Davis is your champion in Motown!

FROM FIRST TIME CHAMPIONS...

ANNC: He has it! Robert MacIntyre, big hugs from dad who was on the golf bag all week.

...TO SEASONED TOUR VETERANS.

ANNC: The drought is over. This one for Jhonny Vegas is extra sweet.

It's an Irish party in New Orleans! McIlroy and Lowry win the Zurich Classic.

RORY MCILROY

RORY MCILROY: It's such a pleasure to play in an atmosphere like that, I don't feel like we get to play in atmospheres like that very often so when you get the opportunity to, you have to embrace it.

SHANE LOWRY: When you're with one of the greatest golfers of our generation, it's pretty nice and to be able to stand up and know that Rory McIlroy has your back on the next shot is nice.

A QUIET START TO THE YEAR FOR RORY MCILROY WAS IGNITED BY HIS PAIRING WITH FELLOW IRISHMAN SHANE LOWRY.

ANNC: It's a milestone win for McIlroy, the 25th of his PGA TOUR career.

You could tell that the chemistry that these two had was a big part of their success this tournament week.

RORY MCILROY: We know each other very well. We've played in so many different teams together since we were teenagers. So, we've got a good bit of shared history together and just sort of having that understanding of your partner as a is a good thing.

SHANE LOWRY: We were great for each other that week. We were both probably having not the best of seasons. To go there and free ourselves up a little bit and have a bit of fun. I think we did that. I enjoyed every minute of it. The biggest reason I'm happy to win is because we probably go back next year to defend. I want to talk him into too much.

SPURRED ON BY THE VICTORY WITH A FRIEND, MCILROY HEADED TO FAMILIAR TERRITORY TWO WEEKS LATER.

ANNC: There's a magnetism about this part of our great country. The Queen City hosting the world's best players.

Rory looking for his fourth win here at Quail Hollow.

RORY MCILROY: Quail Hollow Club is my favorite stop on TOUR. I've had so much history at Quail Hollow. My first PGA TOUR win. I've been going back for a decade and a half. I've gotten to know a lot of people in the in the Charlotte area and it's a week that I really look forward to every year.

ANNC: Yes! Are you kidding me? He eagles both par fives on the second side, and you are watching greatness in peak form.

A signature performance by Rory McIlroy. I don't think there's any doubt who the king of the Queen City is.

RORY MCILROY: I really got some confidence from New Orleans, winning with Shane. It feels like the stars are aligning a little bit but I've got a lot of golf to play.

HIS RUN OF GOOD FORM WOULD CONTINUE THROUGH THE SUMMER EARNING A TRIP TO THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE 11TH TIME IN HIS CAREER AND A TOP-10 FINISH IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS FOR THE 3RD CONSECUTIVE YEAR.

MCILROY'S TWO VICTORIES THIS SEASON MADE HIM THE WINNINGEST EUROPEAN PLAYER IN TOUR HISTORY WITH 26 TITLES...

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA

AND WHILE MCILROY WAS BREAKING THAT RECORD, HIDEKI MATSUYAMA BEGAN THE SEASON TIED WITH SOUTH KOREA'S K.J. CHOI FOR MOST CAREER TOUR WINS BY AN ASIAN BORN PLAYER.

ANNC: For his first win in America, Matsuyama makes the Memorial his maiden voyage to victory.

JACK NICKLAUS: When he won, I said he's going to win a lot of golf tournaments, and he's going to win some majors.

RICKIE FOWLER: It's been great to follow Hideki career. Unfortunately, there's been some times where I've come out on the bad end of it.

ANNC: Hideki Matsuyama survives the four-hole sudden death playoff over Rickie Fowler for his second PGA TOUR victory.

ANNC: Hideki Matsuyama goes back-to-back in Phoenix and his fourth victory on the PGA TOUR.

SATOSHI KODAIRA: I understand how hard it is to stay on TOUR for 10 years. Not only does he stay on TOUR, but he keeps winning and is very consistent. It is so impressive.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: The first time I was sort of like, holy smokes, this guy's unbelievable is when he shot 61 at Firestone.

ANNC: Never a doubt, a brilliant performance at the Bridgestone.

ADAM SCOTT: I've enjoyed watching Hideki's game. I've played a fair amount with him over this time. His achievements in the game are really phenomenal.

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: Adam was my partner at my first Presidents Cup and my goal was to beat these guys in a tournament someday, so I feel that has helped me a little to get where I am today.

ANNC: Masterful performance by Matsuyama.

SHIGEKI MARUYAMA: The fact that a golfer from Japan became a major champion is downright sensational. It's amazing. The entire nation went crazy. I'm expecting Hideki to stack up more wins going forward, inspiring Japanese golfers to dream even bigger.

ANNC: Matsuyama, making 2021 a year to remember, he is your ZOZO Championship winner.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I don't think people realize sort of how much pressure is on him to perform. There's this anticipation by the fans for him to play at a very high level, to come here to the homeland, and when it's impressive to say the least.

ANNC: Japan's greatest golfing export, Hideki Matsuyama is the winner at the Sony Open in Hawaii. This is a very big deal to tie KJ Choi at eight career victories on the PGA TOUR.

K.J. CHOI: Records are meant to be broken. He's got excellent self-management. He studies golf, puts effort into it, and has the diligence to improve. You never know when the right time will come. But seeing how he has been doing, I think nine, 10 plus wins should be possible.

AND THIS SEASON, CHOI'S PREDICTIONS BECAME REALITY...

ANNC: Oh yeah, Matsuyama with a round at Riviera that will long be remembered. Ninth career win and wins at just big time golf courses.

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: I just try to focus on what I need to do and work very hard. I am just fortunate that my hard work has paid off, so there are no secrets.

SIX MONTHS AFTER BREAKING CHOI'S RECORD FOR MOST WINS BY AN ASIAN-BORN PLAYER, MATSUYAMA COLLECTED ANOTHER CAREER FIRST.

ANNC: Hideki Matsuyama pours in a birdie to make it official, he's got his first playoff win. It came with all sorts of drama!

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: It was huge. I think it would've been really painful if I had lost the tournament after having a 5-shot lead. To convert the scenario to a victory was very positive.

MATSUYAMA FINISHED THE REGULAR SEASON IN A TIE FOR 9TH IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS, TYING FOR THE SECOND HIGHEST FINISH OF HIS CAREER AND CONTINUING TO LEAD THE WAY FOR JAPANESE PLAYERS ON TOUR.

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: I'm satisfied with where I am right now, but I also want to continue pushing myself to work harder and do even more for another 10 or 20 years.

KEEGAN BRADLEY

WHILE MATSUYAMA HEADED TO THE SECOND LEG OF THE FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS AS A CHAMPION, KEEGAN BRADLEY ARRIVED AT THE BMW CHAMPIONSHIP AS THE LAST MAN IN THE FIELD, FINISHING THE WEEK IN MEMPHIS AT NUMBER 50 IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS.

KEEGAN BRADLEY: I was so happy to be in Denver and to know that I was in all the elevated events the following year. I was just so thrilled to be there. I really was just bouncing around and I didn't really worry that much about making Atlanta.

PLAYING STRESS-FREE, BRADLEY CAME OUT OF THE BLOCKS FIRING IN DENVER.

ANNC: These are the types of putts you make on a day where everything right. Isn't that fantastic? His lowest opening round of the season.

BRADLEY CARDED THREE CONSECUTIVE UNDER-PAR ROUNDS, AND SAT ATOP THE LEADERBOARD HEADING INTO SUNDAY, SEARCHING FOR HIS FIRST WIN IN 2024.

KEEGAN BRADLEY: Early in my career, I was winning once a year, twice a year and I just felt like it was going to happen forever. Then I went a long stretch without winning. It's really tough to win out here.

ANNC: Stage is clear for Keegan Bradley. Keegan Bradley takes the BMW again.

KEEGAN BRADLEY: When you win a tournament, you have to enjoy it. If you don't really take that time, you know, it's not worth it.

ADDING TO THE ENJOYMENT WAS A SPECIAL FIRST FOR KEEGAN AND HIS FATHER.

ANNC: We've talked about his Dad Mark being here to witness it.

MARK BRADLEY: I'm so proud. It's the first time that I've ever seen him win live. I saw him win the grand slam and some amateur events, the Wyoming State Amateur but never this so this is a very very special day.

ANNC: The last man into Castle Pines headed to East Lake as the winner.

KEEGAN BRADLEY: When you struggle, you forget how great it is to be at this level, to play in the TOUR Championships or to be in the majors, to win tournaments, to win big tournaments. It's really so rewarding getting back to where you think you belong.

IT WASN'T JUST THE WINNERS CIRCLE WHERE BRADLEY FELT HE BELONGED, BUT ALSO ON THE U.S. TEAM AT THE PRESIDENTS CUP... AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 10 YEARS, BRADLEY GOT THE CALL HE'D BEEN WAITING FOR.

KEEGAN BRADLEY: To represent the United States in in a Presidents Cup means everything. It's a different generation of players that's out here now and I really enjoy to be in that team room and see how they operate and be out in the course and win some points for the team.

ANNC: And that will do it!

IN THE END, IT WAS A POINT FROM BRADLEY THAT PUSHED THE U.S. TEAM OVER THE FINISH LINE FOR THEIR 10TH STRAIGHT PRESIDENTS CUP VICTORY.

ANNC: Wow have things changed for Keegan Bradley in his golfing life.

KEEGAN BRADLEY: I kept saying all week I didn't know if I'd ever get to do this again and to be able to just play in this tournament, and then to win the point, my goodness the last time I played I was the point to lose the Ryder Cup. So, if this is my last round as a player, maybe it is, I'm happy with that.

NICK DUNLAP

ANNC: It's building up to be a memorable day here in the Coachella valley. Nick Dunlap, just a sophomore at the University of Alabama trying to do something that we haven't seen on the PGA TOUR since 1991.

NICK DUNLAP: I was going to go give it everything I had, whether that's I shoot 75 or 65 or 70, I was going to go give it everything I had.

ANNC: Coming off that birdie, now in prime position in the fairway at 15. Oh yeah, right there. Kisses the stick! What a show we're seeing.

Five feet nine inches here from a piece of immortality. History in the desert! For the first time since 1991, an amateur has won on the PGA TOUR. Nick Dunlap wins The American Express.

NICK DUNLAP: It is so cool to be out here and experience this as an amateur. If you would've told me that I'd have a putt to win this golf tournament, I wouldn't believe you.

ANNC: I mean such an elite group. You know, just seven players have won as amateurs on the PGA TOUR. Now make it eight.

NICK DUNLAP EARNED HIS PGA TOUR CARD WITH THE UNLIKELY VICTORY, AND HE QUICKLY MADE HIS MARK AS A PROFESSIONAL.

ANNC: Back to the right. Oh my! From way downtown! What a fantastic read there by Dunlap, and he takes the lead by three.

Nick Dunlap, the 20-year-old, rewriting the PGA TOUR record books. In winning the Barracuda Championship, becomes the first ever player to win as both an amateur and a pro in the same season on TOUR.

NICK DUNLAP: Never even thought that was a possibility to be honest with you.

DP WORLD TOUR PLAYERS ON TOUR

WHILE DUNLAP'S JOURNEY TO THE PGA TOUR WINNER'S CIRCLE WAS HISTORIC, ANOTHER UNIQUE PATH TO THE TOUR WAS OPENED IN 2024, WITH 10 PLAYERS FROM THE DP WORLD TOUR MAKING THEIR DEBUTS AS FULL-TIME MEMBERS.

RYAN FOX: Being a rookie on the PGA TOUR, is something I always dreamed about doing. Probably thought it had passed me by, to be honest.

ANNC: Oh how about it?! And the best golfer from New Zealand. That is the closest we have seen all day.

MATTHIEU PAVON: Depth of the field is bigger than obviously here in Europe. The courses are harder. So, it's good. It's just like you against the best and against the toughest golf courses. You learn a lot from your game.

LIKE MANY ROOKIES, THE TRANSITION TO LIFE ON THE PGA TOUR WAS A BIG ADJUSTMENT TO SOME OF EUROPE'S BEST.

THORJØRN OLESEN: It's slightly different golf. Slightly different courses. I just feel like my game just wasn't good enough and you know if your game is not good, then it's very difficult to compete over there.

JORGE CAMPILLO: All new for me as well. New courses, it's not easy playing the last tee time every day. I guess I need to get better because the guys are good.

BUT OTHERS FROM THE DP WORLD TOUR ROSE TO THE CHALLENGE AND ELEVATED THEIR GAMES TO NEW HEIGHTS.

ANNC: All of Scotland will celebrate tonight! Tomorrow may be declared a national holiday!

ROBERT MACINTYRE: You're playing on the TOUR, you're there week in, week out, but getting over the line was a massive boost and there was so many factors that have helped me to get to that point.

VICTOR PEREZ: It wasn't the ideal start with a few injuries and things like that, but still happy to make the playoff in my first year.

ANNC: Victor Perez has this for eagle. Yes, continues his good play.

VICTOR PEREZ: Definitely one of the achievements I was, you know, hoping for a little bit more, but I'm sure everyone will say the same.

MATTHIEU PAVON: It was an unbelievable year. It's the TOUR that I dreamed about since I'm a kid, and I got my first win, played all the best tournaments in the world. Couldn't have been much better.

MATTHIEU PAVON

MATTHIEU PAVON'S ADJUSTMENT TO LIFE ON THE PGA TOUR WAS PARTICULARLY SMOOTH. IN JUST HIS THIRD START OF THE SEASON, THE FRENCHMAN MADE HISTORY.

ANNC: What a story we have here at Torrey Pines. We have a Frenchman trying to be the first from his country to ever win on the PGA TOUR.

This is for the win.

ANNC [French]: Yes, yes, yes, yes! Yes! Matthieu Pavon becomes the first French player to win a tournament on the PGA TOUR!

MATTHIEU PAVON: I didn't know really what to expect from like the PGA TOUR itself. I just came with like very low expectation, just trying to focus on me, improving my game and trying to do my best every time I showed up and this is what happened. Obviously, I had a very nice win early in the season, which gave me a little bit of a more confidence and momentum through my season.

PAVON CONVERTED THE CONFIDENCE INTO RESULTS, WITH FOUR TOP 10 FINISHES ON TOUR, INCLUDING A TOP 5 AT THE U.S. OPEN.

ANNC: Huge putt here. Oh yes! Tres bon. Magnifique.

MATTHIEU PAVON: It became better and better. Got into my first Masters, played a final group into a major at the U.S. Open. I mean it can't be really better.

PAVON NOW LIVES AND PRACTICES IN AMERICA, BUT HIS NAME HAS ONLY GROWN BACK HOME, AS HAS HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE SUPPORT FROM THE EUROPEAN FAITHFUL.

MATTHIEU PAVON: To go back to Europe, play a few tournaments there, see the people in France, in Europe very cheering for me. That was the first time, I wasn't expecting as much love. So that was that was really nice, very emotional.

BUT PAVON'S EYES ARE ON THE FUTURE, AND THE ASPIRATIONS OF ACHIEVING MORE MILESTONES ON THE PGA TOUR.

MATTHIEU PAVON: I dreamed since so many years coming there and practice with the best players in the world. Everything I dreamt about become reality finally. So that was really nice, and I'm loving my new life.

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WELCOME BACK TO THE 2024 PGA TOUR YEAR IN REVIEW.

ROBERT MACINTYRE

IN 2023, ALL OF CANADA REJOICED AS NICK TAYLOR ENDED THE CANADIAN DROUGHT AT ITS NATIONAL OPEN... BUT IN 2024, IT WAS A SCOT WHO FOUND HIS BREAKTHROUGH IN CANADA WITH HIS FATHER ON THE BAG.

ANNC: The father-son journey, not something you see every day out here. Think about how special this moment is. A father and son, together forever.

ROBERT MACINTYRE: Can't believe I've done it with him on the bag. I'm crying with joy but laughing because I didn't think it was possible. That's just everything for me and my family.

NATS: Some caddie. Wow. First time you've been quiet in your life, Mom. Guess what Mom? That may be the mortgage paid off.

WITH HIS FIRST WIN UNDER HIS BELT, ROBERT MACINTYRE HEADED BACK HOME WITH EYES ON ANOTHER NATIONAL OPEN CLOSE TO HIS HEART.

ANNC: Off the Firth of Forth, it's a calm day on the seas, and what a final round we have in store for you. Scotland's favorite son, Robert MacIntyre, trying to become the first Scot since Colin Montgomerie, 1999 to win his national open.

MACINTYRE NEARLY ENDED THE SCOTTISH DROUGHT A YEAR PRIOR, BUT A MIRACULOUS 2-IRON APPROACH ON THE 72ND HOLE FROM RORY MCILROY SAW THE SCOT FINISH ONE SHOT SHORT.

ANNC: An amazing finish for McIlroy! He birdies 17 and 18 to take the title away from MacIntyre.

A YEAR LATER, MACINTYRE FASHIONED A REMARKABLE FINISH OF HIS OWN.

ANNC: Come on now, Bobby Mac! With his back to the wall, MacIntyre makes birdie at 14.

ROBERT MACINTYRE: I just stay in the fight and that's, I've been brought up to fight for everything, and I just fought for it.

ANNC: If he pops this in, Scotland will go crazy. Never in doubt. The runner-up last year now tied for the lead.

AFTER ERASING A FOUR SHOT DEFICIT ON THE BACK NINE, THE STAGE WAS SET ON THE 18TH FOR MACINTYRE'S STORYBOOK ENDING.

ANNC: Tens of thousands around this country are huddled around the sets to watch this moment. For the title. Yes! Great Scot! MacIntyre takes his national open and an entire nation is celebrating.

This is the birthplace of golf, but this is a finish that will go in the history books in these parts.

ROBERT MACINTYRE: I kept saying this is the one I want, and I got pipped at the post last year, but I had my chance here at the end, and I just kept saying to myself take your chance, take your chance and I took it, I can't believe it.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE

FOR A FELLOW GENESIS SCOTTISH OPEN CHAMPION, THE JOURNEY BACK TO THE WINNERS CIRCLE THIS YEAR WAS FULL OF CLOSE CALLS, AND NEAR MISSES.

ANNC: Xander Schauffele the hottest player in golf in the summer of 2022.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I'm playing some of the best golf of my life and capitalizing on playing really well. I feel like I've been successful in getting the most out of my game.

ANNC: Xander hasn't won in the last two seasons, but the season before that, he was prolific, and he has been knocking on the door seemingly every week. Boy, this is so good. Just can't tell you how good that is.

DESPITE HOLDING A SUNDAY LEAD, XANDER SCHAUFFELE SAW ANOTHER TITLE CHANCE SLIP THROUGH HIS FINGERS, FINISHING IN A TIE FOR SECOND BEHIND BACK-TO-BACK PLAYERS CHAMPION SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER.

ANNC: So Schauffele comes up short again as he chases his big championship. It's another 54-hole lead that he can't close the deal.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I tell myself all the time. If you're trying to win, you to walk through the fire, and if you're able to walk through unscathed, then you're going to win the

tournament. My dad told me a long time ago to commit, execute and accept. I'm swallowing a heavy dose of acceptance right now, but that's kind of what I did. You know? I try to commit. I executed poorly on some shots, and here I am accepting it.

A FAMILIAR STORY UNFOLDED FOR SCHAUFFELE TWO MONTHS LATER AT THE WELLS FARGO CHAMPIONSHIP, AS A FINAL ROUND LEAD BECAME ANOTHER MISSED OPPORTUNITY.

ANNC: This is the fourth time that Xander has been in the final pairing on Sunday with no conversions, that's second-most.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Overall I felt like I was doing pretty well for most of the day and then had that costly stretch and he capitalized like no other. Big reversal there.

ANNC: Not everything is about winning on the PGA TOUR, consistency is definitely something that is highly valued by these players. 23 out of 23 cuts last year cannot call that a slump at all.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: He's one of those guys that the bad shots don't really get to him. And sometimes you think he's out of a hole after one shot and all of a sudden, he hits a great chip out there to 15 feet and then he holes a putt just because he does a really good job of taking it shot by shot.

VIKTOR HOVLAND: He probably hasn't been too happy about how he's finished off some tournaments. When you put yourself in a situation like that enough times, you kind of figure it out eventually and it seems like you can kind of see it in his mentality. So when that he's in a spot like that now, it seems like he's hungry. He's going to go and get it.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: A result is just a result. It really is. I think that's why I was able to just keep chugging along through a lot of close calls, because I just knew you have to put yourself in that position and just keep running it and that's what I told myself.

HIS PERSISTENCE FINALLY PAID OFF AT THE PGA CHAMPIONSHIP, CAPTURING HIS FIRST MAJOR TITLE WITH A ONE-STROKE VICTORY AT VALHALLA GOLF CLUB.

ANNC: Good as gold! Xander Schauffele!

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: It was a sort of huge monkey off my back. It was extremely validating, but just a serious relief. Nice to make a putt to win a tournament, especially my first major, having a lip in it makes it even more dramatic.

BEN AN: He's where he should be. You know, he's always been a good golfer. He always was one of those guys who hasn't won the major yet. But, you know, who's going to win in the next one? That was him this year. He had great finishes earlier this year. In the interview

he says just got to accept where he is and just keep grinding. And a few months later he won the major.

AND IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR SCHAUFFELE TO ADD TO THAT FIRST MAJOR. TWO MONTHS LATER, HE LEFT ROYAL TROON GOLF CLUB WITH THE CLARET JUG, BECOMING THE FIRST PLAYER IN SIX YEARS TO CAPTURE TWO MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE SAME SEASON.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I'll always remember that walk down 18. It's sort of what I what I see on TV and I just remember experiencing it. I just got chills. Having my dad out there was cool as well. He wasn't there for Valhalla. It's the one he wanted the most. For me to deliver that to him while he was there it was a cool moment to share with my family.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Winning two majors is definitely going to add to the confidence bucket. I was going through about a two-year spell where I didn't win a golf tournament, so winning my first major and then a second one shortly afterwards // probably added to that self-belief bucket.

FIRST-TIME WINNERS

IN A YEAR OF FIRSTS, NO FIRST MAY BE MORE SPECIAL TO A PLAYER THAN THEIR FIRST WIN...

ANNC: Austin Eckroat has broken through at the Cognizant Classic.

AND IN 2024, 11 GOLFERS PICKED UP THEIR MAIDEN WINS ON TOUR AHEAD OF THE FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS.

ANNC: It is indeed Knapp time in Mexico!

Gotterup finishes in grand style!

Davis Thompson, remember the name! His first career PGA TOUR win.

AMONG THE 11 FIRST TIMERS WERE 6 INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS.

ANNC: Stephan Jaeger was born in Germany... been dreaming about this moment ever since he teed it up in his first PGA TOUR start.

JAEGER: Playing Scottie last couple days, he's been on a tear, so to kind of slay the dragon a little bit this week was amazing and I always say winning golf tournaments is not going to make us happy, but it sure as hell feels really good.

ANNC: Hall says up and in! His first win on the PGA TOUR.

HALL: You know, I didn't have a great start to the year as far as points wise, but I played some really good solid golf and then to get that win, it's just like another step up the ladder from last season. If I can do that every year while still on TOUR for the next few years in ten years, hopefully I'll have a green jacket.

ANNC: Rai rolls it in!

RAI: It's such a journey to get here that I really appreciate and I'm grateful for what happened during the Wyndham because it's extremely difficult and you know, something I'm extremely proud of.

TAYLOR PENDRITH

FOR ONE OF THE FIRST-TIMERS, THE ROAD TO VICTORY WAS A LONG ONE.

TAYLOR PENDRITH: I've been a pro since 2014 and always dreamt of playing on the PGA TOUR and being a PGA TOUR winner, but you never know if it's going to happen. You start thinking, am I good enough to win? Will I ever win?

Golf is hard. Some people's journeys are different than others. I've got a lot of friends who were pro for one or two years and then on to the PGA TOUR and for me, it took me a long time. I was a 30-year-old rookie, but I'd rather be a 30-year-old rookie than not a rookie at all.

It's been it's been a weird couple of years...

ANNC: Great to see Taylor Pendrith back and healthy. He battled a shoulder injury going back to early 2023.

TAYLOR PENDRITH: I didn't know if I was going to continue playing or have to get it fixed. I'm really proud of the work that I've put into to get it to feel better and take time off when needed.

ANNC: Pendrith the door open for his first career win. Taylor Pendrith is a PGA TOUR winner for the first time! And the Canadians amassed quite a number victories and that's a special one for Taylor Pendrith.

TAYLOR PENDRITH: It's been the best season of my career. My season turned around kind of mid-summer. To get the first one done is super special and something I'll remember forever and draw back on those memories when I'm in contention next.

PENDRITH'S WIN MARKED THE SECOND BY A CANADIAN IN 2024 FOLLOWING NICK TAYLOR'S WM PHOENIX OPEN TITLE.

STARTER: Now on the first tee from Canada, please welcome Taylor Pendrith!

FUELED BY HIS VICTORY AND SIX TOP-10 FINISHES DURING THE REGULAR SEASON, PENDRITH MADE IT TO ATLANTA FOR HIS FIRST TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

TAYLOR PENDRITH: it's been it's been the best season of my career and at the start of the year, thinking that I'd be here I wouldn't have believed it.

ANNC: He's the only Canadian here in Atlanta this week. Chance to win if he goes off but he's also looking at potentially making that Presidents Cup team.

PENDRITH FINISHED IN A TIE FOR 14TH AT THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP AND A COUPLE DAYS LATER EARNED A CAPTAIN'S PICK TO HIS SECOND PRESIDENTS CUP...

TAYLOR PENDRITH: It was a huge goal of mine to make this team and I had a good year individually on the PGA TOUR, and I was really hoping for that phone call. It's honor to be here, to represent the international team and to do it in my home country is, is really cool.

PENDRITH WAS JOINED BY COREY CONNERS AND MACKENZIE HUGHES AS PART OF A RECORD NUMBER OF CANADIANS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TEAM... BOTH OF WHOM HE PREVIOUSLY TEAMED UP WITH IN COLLEGE AT KENT STATE.

TAYLOR PENDRITH: We called our coach and he was just over the moon pumped for us and it's a testament to his hard work and us as well. We're all good buddies. It's a really cool moment.

PRESIDENTS CUP

THE TRIO OF CANADIANS HELPED FORGE THE INTERNATIONAL SHIELD THAT ARRIVED IN MONTREAL FOR THE PRESIDENTS CUP, HUNGRY TO END THE DOMINANT AMERICAN'S 9-MATCH WIN STREAK.

ANNC: Great spirit of golf in Canada. They have been anticipating this presidents cup for years.

WITH ALL EYES ON MONTREAL, THE INTERNATIONALS WERE HOPING TO APPLY PRESSURE EARLY.

ANNC: Adam Scott he and Min Woo Lee tied with Morikawa and Theegala. The oldest guy on either side just about jarred it and Adam Scott strikes for the Internationals.

Tom Kim trying to fight back, got it to go.

BUT DESPITE SOME EARLY SUCCESS, IT WAS THE AMERICANS THAT ROARED TO LIFE WITH A DOMINANT THURSDAY FOURBALL PERFORMANCE.

ANNC: Look at that. Whoa Scheffler showing some emotion as well.

Keegan Bradley with a final dagger of a dominating day by the Americans. A clean 5-3 sweep.

HEADED TO FRIDAY'S FOURSOMES MATCHES, THE INTERNATIONAL TEAM WAS IN NEED OF AN ENERGETIC RESPONSE TO STAY IN CONTENTION...

AIDED BY THE FANS, THE SHIELD NEEDED TO LOOK NO FURTHER THAN THE KOREAN MEMBERS FOR AN ADDITIONAL BOOST.

BYEONG HUN AN: I don't show much emotion when I play golf other weeks but I just feel like some emotions kinda just pop in a little more during this Presidents Cup weeks.

SI WOO KIM: This tournament is special because of that added responsibility. If I play well, I'll do my best to hype up the home crowd and fans.

THE KOREAN PAIRING OF BEN AN & SI WOO KIM STOOD STRONG AGAINST THE FORMIDABLE DUO OF SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER & RUSSELL HENLEY.

ANNC: Way back with the third and what does he do? He just about holes it! That's the kind of day it's for this team.

MATCHING PACE WITH THEIR KOREAN COUNTERPARTS, THE PAIRING OF MACKENZIE HUGHES AND COREY CONNORS PUT ON A SHOW FOR THE HOME FANS.

ANNC: This Canadian duo is on fire like everybody else is around the course.

MACKENZIE HUGHES: This is one of the highlights of my life right here. This is one of the funnest days I've ever had on a golf course.

UP 4-0, BEN AN AND SI WOO KIM SHUT THE DOOR FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TEAM.

ANNC: The sweep is in the books, incredible!

AFTER A ROLLER COASTER FIRST TWO DAYS, THE U.S. TEAM FLEXED ITS MUSCLE ON SATURDAY GOING 3-1 IN THE MORNING...

ANNC: Very gettable shot here for Collin, back into the wind, looking for the spin ... that was a beautiful shot! That was fantastic.

Matsuyama has to make it ... and that'll do it. 2&1 victory for Cantlay and Burns. The U.S. with a statement in the first session on this Saturday.

THEN MATCHING THE MORNING PERFORMANCE BY GOING 3-1 IN THE AFTERNOON...

ANNC: The only people making noise is the American side. That was crazy clutch good.

LEAVING A LARGE DEFICIT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TEAM TO OVERCOME ON SUNDAY...

ANNC: The U.S. just 4 and a half points away from winning the Cup for the 13th time. Final day of Sunday singles.

FROM THE START, THE AMERICANS SET THE TONE.

ANNC: This is not a very difficult shot for Scottie. He's thinking about making this for sure ... oh! How 'bout slam dunking it?! Scheffler takes the opening hole.

DESPITE THE GREAT START, THE INTERNATIONALS MAINTAINED THE FIGHT.

ANNC: Did he hit it? Yes he did! Tom Kim ties it up! ... What a putt! Brilliant! Absolutely brilliant from Kim!

AND FOR A WHILE LOOKED LIKE THEY COULD COMPLETE THE COMEBACK.

ANNC: Number one in the world on the ropes here with Hideki Matsuyama!

BUT ULTIMATELY, THE U.S. TEAM PULLED AWAY.

ANNC: And that will do it! In the end it is Keegan Bradley ... who has the decisive last point to win the Presidents Cup! 18.5 to 11.5 is the final point total. Seven-point winning margin is the fourth largest in Presidents Cup history. In the end, all that talent just too much for the International side to match.

FEDEXCUP FALL RECAP

ANNC: We wrapped up the TOUR Championship. Now, a new fun stretch here in the fall with a lot on the line.

THE FEDEXCUP FALL RETURNED, ALLOWING PLAYERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BATTLE FOR 8 TOURNAMENT TITLES IN ADDITION TO EARNING POINTS THAT HELP SOME PLAYERS QUALIFY FOR SIGNATURE EVENTS NEXT SEASON, AND OTHERS HOLD ONTO TOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2025.

ANNC: Worth the wait in Napa. Kizzire wins the Procore Championship!

PATTON KIZZIRE: I've worked really hard and underachieved for quite some time and it feels good to be back doing me.

ANNC: JT Poston, his third ever victory on the PGA TOUR.

ANNC: Two-time winner on the PGA TOUR and in 2024.

ANNC: Echavarria so clutch in winning his second PGA TOUR event.

NICO ECHAVARRIA: It's proof of all the good work that me and my team have put this year. We didn't get that result until ZOZO but overall, it had been a very consistent season.

There was a lot of pressure, but it was so cool to battle it out with those guys and prove to yourself that you can do this more often.

ONE YEAR AGO, A PAIR OF GOLFERS EARNED THEIR FIRST CAREER VICTORIES DURING THE FALL AND THIS YEAR THAT NUMBER DOUBLED.

ANNC: Kevin Yu becomes the third person from Chinese Taipei to win on the PGA TOUR.

YU: There's really not that many people from our country to play on PGA TOUR. It means a lot to show the kids that we can do it from a small country you got to work hard and have big dreams and to get my first win with my parents there means a lot to me.

ANNC: Meet the newest PGA TOUR winner Matt McCarty. Took him just three career PGA TOUR starts.

MATT MCCARTY: I knew if I played well this week, I would have a chance but to do it like this I don't know how you can expect this to be honest.

ANNC: A life-changing week for Rafa Campos in Bermuda!

Joins Chi-Chi Rodriguez as just the second player ever from Puerto Rico to win on the PGA TOUR.

He's a guy that's bounced around. He's played PGA TOUR Americas, he's played the Korn Ferry Tour, he's had status out here. All the golf he's played around the world has set him up for this moment.

RAFAEL CAMPOS: I just can't believe this is actually happening to me after such a year and I'm just grateful to be able to call myself a PGA TOUR champion. It's something I've dreamt about all my life.

ANNC: In his 142nd PGA TOUR start, Maverick McNealy is finally a winner on the world's grandest stage!

MAVERICK MCNEALY: I'm shaking right now, I feel like I could run a marathon. Absolutely exhausted but the adrenaline's unbelievable. My family's here my whole team's watching and I'm just like so happy I got one for them.

THANKS IN PART TO THEIR VICTORIES, NICO ECHAVARRIA AND KEVIN YU FINISHED INSIDE THE TOP 60 OF THE FEDEXCUP FALL STANDINGS AND EARNED ENTRY INTO THE AT&T PEBBLE BEACH PRO-AM AND THE GENESIS INVITATIONAL VIA THE AON NEXT 10... MACKENZIE HUGHES AND SEAMUS POWER ARE ALSO AMONG THE PLAYERS FINISHING INSIDE THE TOP 60.

SEAMUS POWER: One of my big goals for the fall was to secure that top 60. I've always enjoyed playing in the fall and this year has been no different. It's been fun we get to some beautiful places. I love Bermuda and then a home event in Vegas and the tournament in Jackson is always fantastic to me and it was my first time in Japan.

MACKENZIE HUGHES: It was disappointing to miss out on the top 50 but then you have the fall to kinda play for that next 10 and it's big because beginning of the year if you can get into a couple of those and play well you can set yourself up to play the rest of them and I've done enough with some good play this fall to lock that up.

ROLLOUT

AS THE FALL CONCLUDED, PLAYERS REALIZED THEIR FATE FOR THE NEW YEAR AHEAD. JOINING THE FEDEXCUP TOP 125, ARE 30 PLAYERS FROM THE KORN FERRY TOUR, 10 PLAYERS FROM THE DP WORLD TOUR FINAL STANDINGS, AND A HANDFUL OF OTHERS WHO HAVE EARNED MEMBERSHIP FOR NEXT YEAR.

THE GAME'S BEST WILL BE BACK ONCE AGAIN IN 2025 TO DEFEND TITLES, SEEK GLORY, CHASE HISTORY, AND CHALLENGE FOR THE FEDEXCUP.