

A1 – TEASE - BREAKTHROUGHS

IN A YEAR OF HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENTS ... AND CAREER BESTS ... THE 20-25 PGA TOUR SEASON WAS STRUNG TOGETHER BY ONE COMMON THREAD ... BREAKTHROUGHS.

ANNC: Potgieter, a storied amateur career and a breakthrough season.

ANNC: Huge breakthrough win for Thomas Detry.

ANNC: Sepp Straka, one of six players to win twice this year on the PGA TOUR.

ANNC: Clutch. All the way for Justin Rose.

ANNC: McIlroy's got another PLAYERS title! Setting the table here for what could be a very special year.

ANNC: A relentless year for these international stars.

ANNC: You're telling me you don't want this guy on your Ryder Cup team?

ANNC: Is Scottie Scheffler going to wake up and going on a little winning spree.

ANNC: The man is a machine!

PRODUCER: If you had to describe your season; if you gave it a headline?

BEN GRIFFIN: I'd say breakthrough.

ANNC: I don't know if there were any demons after all those 2nd place finishes, but they've been exorcised.

ANNC: It has been a breakthrough season to say the least for that man.

ANNC: The agonizing wait is over! Fleetwood! Finally! For everything!

A2 – SEASON SETUP

EVERY YEAR, THE PGA TOUR WRITES A NEW STORY ... AND IN 20-25, IT'S CHARACTERS BROKE THROUGH IN UNFORGETTABLE WAYS ...

INCLUDING 17 FIRST-TIME WINNERS ... FROM MICHAEL BRENNAN IN HIS 3RD CAREER START, TO ADAM SCHENK IN HIS 243RD ...

PROVEN VETERANS WHO RETURNED TO THE WINNER'S CIRCLE AFTER LONG, WINLESS DROUGHTS ...

AND FAN FAVORITES WHO ENDED YEARS OF HEARTBREAK AND PROVED THAT DREAMS DO COME TRUE.

A3 – RORY McILROY – CAREER GRAND SLAM

ENTER, RORY McILROY ... WHO CAME INTO 20-25 WITH ONE LAST BIG DREAM – COMPLETING THE CAREER GRAND SLAM – BUT IN AN EFFORT TO JOIN GOLF'S MOST EXCLUSIVE CLUB, McILROY RESET BACK TO THE BASICS IN OCTOBER 20-24 ...

ANNC: He said he didn't like the shape of his swing last year and he felt like it broke down on him under the severest pressure.

RORY McILROY: I locked myself indoors for four weeks. Didn't let myself see the ball flight so I could just purely work on some mechanics.

ANNC: Made some changes and those changes are paying off here this week.

RORY McILROY: I came out and, you know, won my first start on the PGA TOUR at Pebble.

ANNC: Rory is the champion of the 2025 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro Am.

RORY McILROY: From there, I just rode that momentum all the way through the start of the year.

ANNC: Rory McIlroy and J.J. Spaun heading over to the 16th tee at TPC Sawgrass for the first playoff in 10 years to decide THE PLAYERS Championship.

RORY McILROY: It was very windy that morning. It was in off the left. Just the worst wind you can have as a right hander.

ANNC: The weather is a story for this three-hole aggregate playoff. The winds gusting to over 30 miles an hour.

RORY McILROY: Standing over that tee shot on 16 this morning is the most nervous I've been in a long time.

RORY McILROY: I knew 16 being down wind, it would be to my advantage. You know, I'm a little longer than J.J. and I'd be able to take advantage on the par five.

ANNC: Great drive and a statement made by Rory right there.

ANNC: Yes! It's going to be an advantage here for McIlroy, who gets to one-under.

RORY McILROY: To be able to at least give myself a cushion after the first hole on 16 going into 17 and 18, I thought was big.

ANNC: This is going to be very difficult. They're going to have to take a lot more club, try and keep it down, the risk is flying it over the back of the green and then the spin control when it lands.

RORY McILROY: For me, the whole key to that playoff was the tee shot on 17.

ANNC: Outstanding shot.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: He definitely rode the wave of playing great through that first part of the year.

ANNC: McIlroy's got another PLAYERS title! Setting the table here for what could be a very special year.

RORY McILROY: I'd seen it somewhere that Jack, Tiger and Scottie were the only three with multiple PLAYERS and multiple majors. And, you know, it's a nice club to be a part of.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: He made a bunch of decisions in terms of how he worked on his game. All of that obviously leading towards the Masters.

McILROY'S REFINED GAME APPEARED TO BE PAYING OFF UP UNTIL THE 72ND HOLE OF THE MASTERS TOURNAMENT ...

RORY McILROY: I had a five-foot putt to win the tournament and missed it.

NOW, ANOTHER PLAYOFF – THIS TIME WITH JUSTIN ROSE – STOOD BETWEEN McILROY AND HISTORY ...

JUSTIN ROSE: Thinking about losing that one again, it would have been a pretty hard one for him to take. I hit it in the fairway and then hit a great second shot. He very much knew he had to respond.

RORY McILROY: When Justin had his second shot in, I couldn't tell how close it was, but it looked like it was very close. So, I felt like I had no option but to be aggressive with my second shot and take it right at the flag.

JUSTIN ROSE: You're sitting there watching someone have their moment. You can almost taste what it would feel like to be achieving it yourself.

RORY McILROY: It's not every day you get to fulfill one of your lifelong goals and dreams and I've just really tried to enjoy everything that comes along with that.

JUSTIN ROSE: I understood how much it meant to him, how long he's been chasing that dream, and obviously what it meant also for the game of golf.

RORY McILROY: The big thing for me is just how the whole journey sort of resonated with people and the people that have reached out to me.

RORY McILROY: I've had a lot of fun this year. After the year I've had, if I can't have fun this year, I'm never going to be able to have fun.

A4 – SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER – BACK-TO-BACK 6+ WIN SEASONS

WHILE RORY McILORY’S THREE WINS SET THE TONE EARLY, SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER FINISHED THE SEASON WITH TWICE AS MANY TO POST BACK-TO-BACK SEASONS WITH SIX-OR-MORE WINS, DESPITE A SETBACK TO BEGIN THE YEAR ...

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Trying to follow up a year like last year is always difficult.

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

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I started off the year with injury. I lost a lot of the progress that I made in the offseason.

ANNC: There was so much momentum at the end of last year. It was stalled with the wine glass breaking off in his hand.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I had to take basically five weeks off from golf activities. And so, you know, you lose a lot physically; I lose a lot with my swing.

ANNC: Scottie didn’t win early on and people were saying, ‘what’s wrong with Scottie?’

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: So, it was kind of a slow build up and I'm just proud of the fight we had all year.

FOUR MONTHS INTO THE SEASON, SCHEFFLER HAD YET TO LIFT A TROPHY, BUT HIS CONSISTENCY NEVER WAVERED ... FIVE TOP-10 FINISHES, INCLUDING THREE TOP-FIVES, SET THE STAGE FOR A BREAKOUT MONTH OF MAY ...

ANNC: Full circle for Scheffler! Scottie wins for the first time this year and it comes in the event he attended as a kid.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: It was a lot of fun for me to be able to play in front of the home crowd and it was a really special week.

ANNC: Quail Hollow awaiting the second major of the year, the PGA Championship. World number one, Scottie Scheffler, he’s one of the favorites.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Physically going into that week, I wasn't feeling my best, but I was doing enough to where I could get it around that golf course and I was holing a lot of putts.

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler with two wins this year, CJ Cup Byron Nelson and the PGA Championship.

ANNC: Is Scottie Scheffler going to wake up and go on a little winning spree? You’d think it’s gonna be about that time.

NEXT UP WAS JACK'S PLACE, WHERE SCHEFFLER LOOKED TO DEFEND HIS MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT TITLE AND BECOME ONLY THE SECOND PLAYER TO WIN BACK-TO-BACK AT MUIRFIELD VILLAGE SINCE TIGER WOODS IN 2000 AND 2001 ...

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I was able to finish really well on Saturday to kind of take the lead.

BEN GRIFFIN: He's not going to back down and you've got to really do something special to overtake him.

ANNC: That was really, really good stuff there.

BEN GRIFFIN: The Memorial, I felt like I was probably hitting it better than Scottie. I just wasn't making enough putts that final round. And he was making the par putts that are important.

ANNC: The man is a machine! Scottie Scheffler, the repeat champion at Jack's event.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I felt like I was improving as the year went on. And then going into Portrush, I felt like I just brought a lot of intensity to each shot that week.

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler, your Champion Golfer of the Year, a four-shot victory.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: We just did a really good job of getting around that golf course and hitting the right shots.

FRESH OFF CONQUERING HIS SECOND MAJOR OF THE SEASON, SCHEFFLER CARRIED THAT MOMENTUM INTO THE FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS – WHERE HE ERASED A FOUR-SHOT DEFICIT TO CLAIM HIS FIFTH VICTORY OF THE SEASON IN BALTIMORE.

ANNC: World number one has sole possession of the lead! You knew that run was coming.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: It's game on now. It's time to go get it.

ANNC: Can you believe what you just saw?!

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: When that chip goes in, you know it's a pretty cool shot, but the job's not nearly finished.

ANNC: The inevitable has arrived again for the world's best.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Great battle all the way through. Did a good job of staying patient and executing when we needed to.

WHILE SCHEFFLER FELL SHORT OF DEFENDING HIS FEDEXCUP TITLE, HIS DOMINANT PERFORMANCE AT SILVERADO WAS A FITTING PUNCTUATION MARK TO ANOTHER PROLIFIC SEASON.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I think it's been a battle. Didn't start off the way I intended it to, but it was definitely another great year out here.

A5 – SHOW BUMP

STILL TO COME ON THE 20-25 PGA TOUR YEAR IN REVIEW ...

VIKTOR HOVLAND: I've been, finally, hitting the shots that I'm envisioning. I'm kind of pumped about the next few tournaments.

ANNC: That's a pump of the fist as if 'I finally got it done.'

ANNC: Ryan Fox Delivers!! From off the green, he holes it for birdie! Gets his first win on the PGA TOUR!

ANNC: Tommy Fleetwood saying, 'I know I've been here before, I'm not gonna give this away.'

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: It's easy for anybody to say that they are resilient. It's different when you actually have to prove it.

B1 – INTERNATIONAL WINNERS SETUP

FROM THE VERY FIRST EVENT OF THE 20-25 PGA TOUR SEASON ...

ANNC: Record breaking win for Hideki Matsuyama! 35-under, where no one has ever gone before in a PGA TOUR, 72-hole event!

INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS WERE A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH ...

ANNC: It's another playoff victory for Nick Taylor!

WINNING A RECORD 19 TOURNAMENTS – THE MOST IN A SINGLE SEASON SINCE 1983 – INCLUDING SIX OF THE FIRST SEVEN EVENTS OF THE YEAR ... A RUN THAT WAS CAPPED OFF BY SWEDEN'S LUDVIG ABERG ...

B2 – LUDVIG ABERG – THE GENESIS INVITATIONAL

ANNC: It's a future superstar right there, Jim. He's right before our eyes.

AFTER HE CAPTURED HIS FIRST PGA TOUR VICTORY IN JUST HIS 11TH PROFESSIONAL START IN NOVEMBER 20-23, THE GOLFING WORLD HAS WAITED FOR ABERG TO RETURN TO THE WINNER'S CIRCLE ...

LUDVIG ABERG: When I came out on TOUR, I probably didn't really realize what was really important for me in terms of my training, practice, swing, you know, all those things. I've realized why those things are important for me.

NOW IN HIS SECOND FULL SEASON ON TOUR – AND IN THE SECOND MONTH OF THE YEAR – ABERG TURNED IN A MAGICAL SUNDAY TO CAPTURE HIS SECOND CAREER VICTORY ...

ANNC: One of the players making a move is Aberg.

IGNITED BY A BIRDIE ON THE PAR 4, 7TH ... ABERG GAINED 5-AND-A-HALF STROKES OVER THE FINAL 12 HOLES TO SHOOT 6-UNDER ...

ANNC: There is 6 ft 9 inches separating Ludvig from victory ... oh yes! Ludvig Aberg takes Tiger's tournament!

LUDVIG ABERG: It's a cool feeling to try to win a golf tournament coming down the last couple holes. And today I executed the shots, I made a couple putts, and that was the difference.

TIGER WOODS NATS: Great playing dude!

LUDVIG ABERG NATS: Thank you.

TIGER WOODS NATS: Great playing!

LUDVIG ABERG NATS: I appreciate it.

TIGER WOODS NATS: That was awesome!

LUDVIG ABERG NATS: That was fun.

B3 – VIKTOR HOVLAND – BACK IN THE SWING OF THINGS

ABERG'S FELLOW SCANDANAVIAN, VIKTOR HOVLAND, HAD ALSO BEEN IN SEARCH OF THE WINNER'S CIRCLE SINCE 20-23 ... AND SPENT THE SPACE BETWEEN SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS ...

VIKTOR HOVLAND: I've been trying to like, obviously looked at my old swings for thousands of hours and I know exactly what needs to happen. But it's been hard to look at it and then find a feel of how to accomplish that movement.

LUDVIG ABERG: He's a thinker, he's a tinkerer, he's a perfectionist when he practices, which is why he's so good when he's good. And there's no question that, you know, he's a really, really smart guy when it comes to the golf swing.

VIKTOR HOVLAND: My ball striking has been off. And for the last year-and-a-half, my strength has deteriorated. So, my number one priority has been to regain that.

FOLLOWING A 20-24 CAMPAIGN THAT ONLY SAW TWO TOP 10s IN 16 STARTS, THE BEGINNING OF HOVLAND'S 20-25 SEASON WASN'T ANY BETTER – ENTERING THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP AFTER TWO MISSED CUTS ...

VIKTOR HOVLAND: Results wise it's uh, hasn't been very good coming in here, but I finally feel like last week was a step in the right direction. I've been, finally, hitting the shots that I'm envisioning. Hopefully I can get those results out this week. But if not this week, I'm kind of pumped about the next few tournaments.

A FIRST ROUND, 80, ALL BUT ASSURED A THIRD-CONSECUTIVE MISSED CUT FOR THE NORWEGIAN, BUT A SECOND ROUND, 68 SENT HOVLAND TO THE VALSPAR CHAMPIONSHIP WITH SOME MOMENTUM ...

ANNC: You look at one player up there and he seems to be, maybe the most intriguing guy in all of golf, of course we're talking about Viktor Hovland, who, for the first time in his career has missed three cuts in a row. What's the latest with this guy?

ANNC: Well, on his third instructor this year and it's only March. But uh, he seems to have found a little something.

WITH A SHARE OF THE 54-HOLE LEAD, HOVLAND'S PREMONITION CAME TO FRUITION ...

ANNC: That's a pump of the fist as if 'I finally got it done.' It has been a circuitous, long journey back for Viktor Hovland.

ANNC: He said on Tuesday that he didn't even think he was going to play the tournament because he was so much in disarray with his golf game. For him to win, I mean, it just shows you how much talent Viktor Hovland has.

REPORTER: You've been very open about the fact that you've been searching for something, what did you find here at Valspar?

VIKTOR HOVLAND: I-I mean ... it's like ... it's still the same swing, and I hit a lot of disgusting shots, but they just, they happened to go where I look. Somehow this week, I was just able to hit the good shots that I can a lot more often than I have been. But it's still the same tendencies. It's been a rough year and a half, but I think I'm stronger because of it, and hopefully I can still work on some things and we'll be better off.

EN ROUTE TO HIS VALSPAR CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY, HOVLAND RANKED INSIDE THE TOP 10 IN BOTH STROKES GAINED APPROACH AND GREENS IN REGULATION, PROOF THAT THE STRENGTH OF HIS GAME – HIS IRON PLAY – WAS RETURNING TO FORM ...

VIKTOR HOVLAND: Statistically, the best iron season that I've had my entire career. Innately I'm a very good iron player. I just seem to have an ability to put the face on the ball and make it go pretty straight.

HOVLAND FINISHED THE SEASON GAINING NEARLY A FULL STROKE PER ROUND APPROACHING THE GREEN – GOOD ENOUGH FOR 2ND PLACE ON TOUR – WHICH IS MUSIC TO VIKTOR'S EARS BECAUSE IT MEANS THERE'S ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT ...

VIKTOR HOVLAND: I think I've probably had 72 swing thoughts since the Valspar. So, we'll probably add a couple more to that tally.

B4 – FIRST TIME INTERNATIONAL WINNERS

WHILE HOVLAND AND ABERG RETURNED TO THE WINNER'S CIRCLE, INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS FROM BELGIUM AND AUSTRALIA GOT TO EXPERIENCE IT FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME ...

ANNC: World class! Thomas Detry, into the winner's circle at TPC Scottsdale!

THOMAS DETRY: Been doing a lot of really good things in the past to kind of put myself in that position, and I felt like I was kind of ready to win. This one, nobody was going to take it away from me.

ANNC: A par will win it for Min Woo Lee ...

MIN WOO LEE: They always say, you know, the six inches between your ears. I think that was a big part of this week.

ANNC: Well, we just found out that Min Woo Lee's got the right stuff!

ANNC: Min Woo Lee is a PGA TOUR champion!

MIN WOO LEE: I always felt like I had the assets to win, it was just can you do it mentally.

ANNC: Vilips ... birdies the last! A Sunday winner on the PGA TOUR! A 64 smashes the tournament scoring record. 26-under to win by three.

KARL VILIPS: Dream come true for me and my dad. Been doing it, going at it for a long time and this is what we dreamed of when I was a kid. So yeah, it's, it's pretty surreal.

B5 – ALDRICH POTGIETER – ROOKIE WINS ROCKET CLASSIC

WHILE KARL VILIPS WON IN JUST HIS THIRD PGA TOUR START AS A PRO, FELLOW ROOKIE, ALDRICH POTGIETER, HAD A CHANCE TO WIN IN HIS FOURTH AS A FULL-TIME PGA TOUR MEMBER ...

ANNC: Aldrich Potgieter, 20 years of age, rookie on the PGA TOUR; trying to win for the first time.

IT'S HARD TO MISS THE BURLY SOUTH AFRICAN WHO LED THE PGA TOUR IN DRIVING DISTANCE WITH AN AVERAGE OF 325 YARDS ...

ANNC: Cruising ball speeds of 195 mile an hour. He can smash it with this driver.

ANNC: Aldrich Potgieter, he's got one of the strongest club faces at the top in all of golf right there.

HAVING LED THE MEXICO OPEN AT VIDANTAWORLD IN PUTTING, POTGIETER FOUND HIMSELF IN CONTENTION FOR THE FIRST TIME, IN A PLAYOFF AGAINST BRIAN CAMPBELL ...

ANNC: None bigger chance than this one right now.

NATS: (crowd groans)

ANNC: Campbell, a chance to win ...

ALDRICH POTGIETER: Pressure is a big thing. You can't really beat it. You just have to learn and adjust to the next time you're in this position again.

10 STARTS LATER, POTGIETER HAD ANOTHER CHANCE AT GLORY ... THIS TIME, ON THE FIFTH HOLE OF YET ANOTHER PLAYOFF IN DETROIT ...

ANNC: Potgieter pours it in! And he's got his first PGA TOUR victory!

ALDRICH POTGIETER NATS: This was my first TOUR event as a pro two years ago, so this was a special one for me. So, thank you, guys.

WITH THAT WIN, POTGIETER BECAME THE YOUNGEST-EVER WINNER FROM SOUTH AFRICA AND CEMENTED HIS NAME TO THE NEW ERA OF YOUNG, INTERNATIONAL TALENT ON THE PGA TOUR.

CI – WORTH THE WAIT

ANNC: Is it the winning putt? Yes, it is! Justin Thomas, back in the winner's circle! The tears are going to be pouring. He's got his first win as a father.

JUSTIN THOMAS: The joy and excitement it brought to me to be able to see them after the putt went in and even walking up to the green was something I definitely didn't think I would feel. I just was so happy. I couldn't stop smiling.

AFTER TWO YEARS, 10 MONTHS AND 29 DAYS, JUSTIN THOMAS FINALLY BROKE THROUGH HIS WINLESS DROUGHT TO CLAIM THE 16TH TITLE OF HIS PGA TOUR CAREER ...

ANNC: He's back, he's young, and he's one of the greats of the game. Those reactions right there, that's why you put all the work in.

A FEELING OF RELIEF THAT RUSSELL HENLEY CAN RELATE TO ...

ANNC: Russell Henley has his 5th PGA TOUR win. And the two-and-a-half year wait for him is over. This man right here said he's playing the best golf of his career.

RUSSELL HENLEY: I've grown up watching that tournament, watching all the crazy finishes with Tiger on the 18th hole.

ANNC: Again, at Bay Hill!!

RUSSELL HENLEY: To come down the stretch and finish strong like I did, really gave me a lot of confidence where my game is and what I'm capable of under pressure.

ANNC: Coming off his best season a year ago, he backed it up with another strong campaign. Henley is at the top of his game.

RUSSELL HENLEY: It's been a dream of mine to do this. I guess I never would have thought that it had been my 13th year on TOUR when it happens.

HENLEY CAN APPRECIATE THAT GOOD THINGS TAKE TIME ... AND BRIAN CAMPBELL IS PROOF, FINALLY HAVING ACHIEVED HIS DREAMS 10 YEARS AFTER TURNING PRO ...

BRIAN CAMPBELL: I almost stopped golfing about two years ago. I was at second stage. I made a quad on a par 3 and thought I shot myself out of Q-School. It's crazy how quickly things can change.

ANNC: Finally, Brian Campbell can call himself a winner!

BRIAN CAMPBELL: It's really hard to put it into words. You play so hard, you put your heart out there, you grind; to have it culminate like this has just been really special.

ANNC: Brian Campbell wins the John Deere Classic! Two playoffs this year, two wins for Brian Campbell.

CAMPBELL'S BREAKTHROUGH, TWO-WIN SEASON – AFTER A LONG ROAD TO GET THERE – IS A FEELING THAT NEW ZEALAND'S RYAN FOX KNOWS AS WELL ...

C2 – RYAN FOX – HIGHER CEILINGS

ANNC: Happy Mother's Day from Myrtle Beach. So many names trying to win for the first time on the PGA TOUR. Searching for that breakthrough week at the Dunes Golf and Beach Club.

ANNC: His third ... on a good line – has eyes – Ryan Fox delivers! From off the green, he holes it for birdie! Gets his first win on the PGA TOUR!

RYAN FOX: About eight foot out it never looked like it was going anywhere else and the rest of it is a bit of a blur from there.

RYAN FOX: To have the wife and kids here is amazing. On Friday I said, 'what can I get you for Mother's Day?' And she goes, 'well, a trophy would be nice.' So, I guess I lived up to my end of the bargain.

RYAN FOX'S JOURNEY TO THE PGA TOUR WINNER'S CIRCLE HAS BEEN FAR FROM ORDINARY, BUT HIS POTENTIAL WAS INHERENT ...

RYAN FOX: My upbringing in New Zealand helped shape my game because I grew up in a sporting family.

RYAN FOX: New Zealand, in general, love sports. My dad played for the All Blacks. My mum's father played cricket for New Zealand. So, I always had a bat, a ball, a golf club, tennis racket, something in my hands growing up.

NAT: Oh, nice. Good shot. You liked to hit it hard back then as well. Sure did. Nothing's changed.

RYAN FOX: Dad played for the All Blacks from 1984, '85 to 1993. He was regarded as one of the greats. He was the highest point scorer at the time in All Black history that won the 1987 World Cup, which was the first rugby World Cup they had, and that was in New Zealand and that helped shape the competitive juices growing up.

NATS: Wow, I actually think that is my first ever set of golf clubs.

RYAN FOX: I came to golf relatively late. I played all the way through school, but rugby and cricket were my main two sports and I didn't start competitive golf until after I left school when I was 18. So, a lot of guys are full time college players by then, and I certainly was a two or three handicapper that struggled to break 80 other than my home club.

RYAN FOX: I started in Aussie in 2012. I got some invites onto the Challenge Tour in 2015 and managed to get a Challenge Tour card. And then went back on to the Challenge Tour in 2016 and had a really good year.

ANNC: Look at this, it's dream golf from a really, top-class player.

RYAN FOX: That extra year really set me up for what was a pretty good year for the DP World Tour in 2017. Keeping your card your first year out is always the main goal and I did that pretty comfortably. It was a massive goal of mine to win on a major tour.

FOX PLAYED PRIMARILY ON THE DP WORLD TOUR FOR SEVEN YEARS AND WON FOUR TIMES ...

ANNC: And Fox has his place history. He is a winner at St. Andrews.

RYAN FOX: I never thought at my age I'd get to that point. It had probably passed me by a little bit. Just getting onto the DP World Tour, having a couple of wins out here, was not necessarily my ceiling, but I was pretty happy with that.

NOW 38 YEARS OLD, FOX REACHED A HIGHER CEILING WITH HIS VICTORY AT MYRTLE BEACH – BECOMING THE OLDEST FIRST TIME WINNER ON TOUR SINCE 20-19 – AND THEN BROKE THROUGH IT ONE MONTH LATER IN CANADA.

ANNC: That is right at it! Yeah, looks majestic ... is it? Is it ever!

ANNC: A Kiwi wins at the Osprey!

RYAN FOX: To hit the shot I hit on 18 on the fourth playoff hole, was pretty surreal to be honest. It's probably, well actually, it will be the best shot I've ever hit in my life. There's nothing close to that. It feels like yesterday we were doing this at Myrtle Beach.

C3 – SEPP STRAKA – CAREER YEAR

JOINING FOX AS A MULTIPLE-TIME WINNER ON TOUR THIS SEASON WAS AUSTRIA'S SEPP STRAKA ...

ANNC: One of six players to win twice this year on the PGA TOUR.

ANNC: Sepp Straka is back in the winner's circle on the PGA TOUR for the third time in his career.

SEPP STRAKA: It's great to get a win early. It's awesome to get ahead of the curve, but it's a long year, so you just got to keep stacking good results and keep playing good golf. That's going to be my goal the rest of the year.

IN HIS SEVENTH SEASON ON TOUR, STRAKA CREDITS HIS SUCCESS TO THE CHANGES HE MADE ON HIS TEAM ...

SEPP STRAKA: Swing coach, short game coach, physios, trainers, they all just spend their lives trying to help me out. And they're always trying to improve different aspects of my game.

ANNC: Sepp Straka has taken advantage – his game, his skill, his work ethic, his mind – it is all working right now.

SEPP STRAKA: They've got a process that they believe in, that I believe in. And it's worked really well here. Tackling the long-term goal of having a better, more efficient golf swing completely change that consistency of practice and that was huge.

LUDVIG ABERG: He's so consistent. He plays the same ball flight, you know, 98% of the time when he plays golf. There is a lot of value to that. He keeps improving. And when he has a good putting week, you know, he's definitely going to be up in the leaderboards.

ANNC: Sepp Straka wins the Truist championship!

SEPP STRAKA: I wasn't a great junior golfer. I was ... above average in college. I never thought I could get to this level. My whole goal was always just to try to improve my golf game.

STRAKA'S TWO WINS VAULTED HIM TO NUMBER SEVEN IN THE OFFICAL WORLD GOLF RANKING – THE HIGHEST OF HIS CAREER AND FIRST TIME EVER INSIDE THE TOP 10 ...

SEPP STRAKA: I feel like, probably a few more people know my name. It's exciting. It's been a really good year, and hopefully I can keep it going.

D1 – REJOIN

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D2 – JUSTIN ROSE – AGE IS JUST A NUMBER

ANNC: There is another element that I'm not sure has been talked a lot about, which is Justin Rose is 45 and on the European Ryder Cup team.

IN 20-25, ONE OF EUROPE'S MOST DECORATED VETERANS SHOWED FATHER TIME HADN'T SLOWED HIM DOWN ...

JUSTIN ROSE: I've been selling myself the story that my game is in good shape and that when I have access to it, yeah, I've been able to play with the best players in the world and compete.

ANNC: Yep! Fist pump of determination by Rose ... and Justin Rose is a playoff winner again! His 12th PGA TOUR win. It's the second most of any European in the modern era.

REPORTER: 45 years of age, what did you learn about what's inside of you at this age in your career?

JUSTIN ROSE: Yeah, I've always known I've had that. Like, I get nervous with the best of them. You know, like, I feel nervous at times, but I know that when it matters, I still got it.

SHANE LOWRY: Honestly, for me, watching him do that, I'm getting towards my 40s and it's definitely something that I kind of aspire to be when I get to his age.

JUSTIN ROSE: I feel like I'm moving well, the body's feeling good, I'm training well. I can't let the age become too much of the story.

AGE HARDLY DEFINED HIS SEASON AS ROSE'S STRONG PLAY IN 20-25 EARNED HIM AN AUTOMATIC SPOT ON TEAM EUROPE FOR HIS SEVENTH RYDER CUP APPEARANCE ...

JUSTIN ROSE: I still feel like I have that desire to play well and I still think I have the ability to play well. So, as long as I have that, I feel like I owe it to my kid-like self who was dreaming about doing what I'm doing now at the age of 12 to give it everything. As a player, you wanna play to win; that's kinda why I'm out here. That's why I'm still continuing to strive to be out here and strive to work hard is that I still believe I can get the job done. There's such a big difference between winning and coming in second. Closing the door is everything.

D3 – TOMMY FLEETWOOD – FEDEXCUP CHAMPION

ROSE KNOWS THAT DIFFERENCE WELL, HAVING RECORDED 21 TOP-5 FINISHES BEFORE HIS FIRST PGA TOUR VICTORY – THE SECOND MOST SINCE 19-83 BEHIND TOMMY FLEETWOOD, WHO HAD 30, INCLUDING HIS T-3 FINISH TO ROSE IN MEMPHIS ...

ANNC: Tommy's gotta be gutted there playing with one of his good pals and watching the lead kinda slip away out of his hands late in the round again.

PRODUCER: If you had to give your season a headline or describe it, in your words, how would you?

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Eh ... close but no cigar, maybe?

UNFORTUNATELY, A FEELING THAT FLEETWOOD KNEW ALL TOO WELL ... HAVING ACCRUED SIX RUNNER-UP FINISHES ON TOUR SINCE 20-17 ...

ANNC: Earns his 13th top 10 in his 47th PGA TOUR event and you have to believe that winning on the PGA TOUR will be sooner rather than later.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: It has taken me much longer than I thought it would or probably that other people thought it would. I look at sort of the disappointments and I use them as motivation to keep practicing and get better.

ANNC: This just would have been an incredible day for Fleetwood had he been able to close to the deal. But, with the way he's playing, you get the feeling that it won't be too long.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: When my day comes, that'll be great. Putting myself into contention more often, that's the first step to winning.

JUST A FEW MONTHS LATER, FLEETWOOD PUT HIMSELF CLOSER TO VICTORY THAN EVER BEFORE IN HIS FIRST PLAYOFF ON THE PGA TOUR ...

ANNC: Coming in from that right side, beautiful putt, he makes it! Tommy Fleetwood! Talk about clutch.

ANNC: Swing of the putter ... comes up with some speed. Now up the rise; for the eagle ... for the win ... to the cup ... yes! Yes! Yes! The drought is over!

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: It wasn't my time. It was Nick's and the whole of Canada had amazing moments to remember and cherish and that's just the nature of the game. You pack up and leave.

ANNC: It's one too many. That is going to be his 7th top six this season.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: Like any normal person, I get disappointed, I get sad, I get angry. I think I have a good awareness that there's no point making things a negative experience. You just have to learn from everything and try and do the best you can from there.

ANNC: Three-shot lead after three rounds! He's gonna have a lot of people around the world rooting for him tomorrow.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: I'm top of a lot of stats lines for people who haven't won on the PGA TOUR. So, being number one at something is nice.

ANNC: Are we gonna have a first-time, breakthrough winner by one of the game's best? We're gonna find out.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: I've given myself, like, a back-end chance a couple of times this year, but I've not been in contention. So, this is like my first real chance, so I'm really excited about that. I'm looking forward to it.

ANNC: Just over 20 feet ... it's a gift. So, he will drop to 15-under and that will give Keegan Bradley a chance to tie.

ANNC: He made such a clutch putt at the 71st hole. This is two feet longer. This to be no worse than in a playoff ... oh my goodness. Played the last three holes in two over.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: I did plenty of things well enough this week to win and I didn't do that. It hurts, but the most stupid thing to do and the worst thing to do would be make a week like this a hindrance to what you do going forward. I was leading the tournament for 71 holes. I just wanna, you know, make sure that I can put myself in this position as soon as possible again and try and correct what I did this time.

THE TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP WAS THE FIFTH INSTANCE IN FLEETWOOD'S PGA TOUR CAREER THAT HE HELD A SHARE OF THE 36-HOLE LEAD, AND SECOND TIME ATOP THE LEADERBOARD THROUGH 54 HOLES ... NEVER HAVING CONVERTED, FLEETWOOD PUT HIMSELF IN THOSE SAME POSITIONS AGAIN TWO MONTHS LATER AT THE FIRST EVENT OF THE FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS ...

ANNC: That is our final pairing. The big storyline right there, Tommy Fleetwood – seven worldwide wins but none on the PGA TOUR. And he doesn't have to look anywhere but across the fairway to Justin Rose.

ANNC: What momentum he will carry into the following holes if he can knock this one in. Putt you wanna have, Bones. Got another one! Tommy Fleetwood alone at the top!

ANNC: I think this is for six one-putts in a row, oh my gosh. And a terrible putt. Came right out of it. Unbelievable.

ANNC: And he's gonna come up short again. That's gonna continue to weigh on him, Dan.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: All these experiences, you know, and these close calls, I have to find the strength to make it all a positive experience. And hopefully next time, you know, go again. Put myself in that position again and we just go again.

ANNC: Welcome back to another TOUR Championship at East Lake to conclude the latest FedExCup playoffs and a brand new winner-take-all format where everyone starts at even par.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: I'm not gonna be picky about which one I'd choose to have as the first win. I think it would be pretty funny if I won this week and then have the FedExCup as well. I think that would be funny.

ANNC: Tommy Fleetwood saying I know I've been here before, I'm not gonna give this away.

ANNC: Big swing at 13! He's more comfortable, Terry.

ANNC: You might have thought this is too good to be true. To be able to get that FedExCup trophy and to call himself a PGA TOUR winner and to do it here, it's the ultimate way to break through.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: I've had to be resilient in terms of, put myself back in that position.

ANNC: These fans have pulled Tommy through all these rough moments, all these close calls ... they want to get a ringside seat to see him finally do it.

ANNC: He just has shown tremendous heart and resilience. He's a great golfer and he does it with class.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: It's easy for anybody to say that they are resilient, that they bounce back, that they have fight. It's different when you actually have to prove it.

ANNC: The agonizing wait is over – Fleetwood! Finally! For everything! The FedExCup title!

JUSTIN ROSE: I've always felt that when Tommy wins it's going to be something special. He deserves it more than anybody.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD: No matter how many times it doesn't go my way, no matter how many doubts might creep in, think the right things, say the right things to yourself and I am really pleased that I can be proof that if you do all the right things and you just keep going, that it can happen.

E1 – KEEGAN BRADLEY – DOUBLE DUTY

ANNC: Keegan Bradley will, of course, be leading Team USA at the Ryder Cup on Long Island in a few months.

ANNC: The last playing captain, Arnold Palmer back in 1963. Will Keegan Bradley be a playing captain at the Ryder Cup?

KEEGAN BRADLEY: I've been playing at a pretty high level now for a few years in a row, and I feel like maybe this is one of my best years.

ANNC: 9-iron for Bradley ... who attended this tournament as a young boy, hoping and dreaming that one day he would make his life out here. Considers this a major, can he deliver one here at the final hole? Did he ever!

ANNC: You're telling me you don't want this guy on your Ryder Cup team?

KEEGAN BRADLEY: As close to a Ryder Cup moment as I've ever felt.

ANNC: Keegan Bradley, to overturn it all at the last hole and win it with one putt ... a Keegan comeback not to be believed!

KEEGAN BRADLEY: I never would have even considered playing on the team if I hadn't won. Winning a tournament like that, with that field, is a big deal. If I was looking at a player, I would think, like, that's a big step towards making this Ryder Cup team.

HARRIS ENGLISH: He's got a lot of tough decisions. If he wasn't captain this year, would he be on the team? He's had a hell of a year.

REPORTER: You said you would only be a playing captain if you earned it on points. Have you convinced yourself that you would be an additive to this team now?

KEEGAN BRADLEY: Go USA!

DESPITE HIS TRAVELERS WIN HAVING PROPELLED HIM TO A CAREER-HIGH WORLD RANKING, BRADLEY ULTIMATELY CHOSE NOT TO SERVE AS A PLAYING CAPTAIN.

KEEGAN BRADLEY: That was the toughest decision in my life. But the guys really finished out the season on a high note and we were really confident with the players that we had on the team. And, ultimately, that was the reason why I decided not to play.

KEEGAN BRADLEY: For the last year and a half, I've been having to do two jobs at once. So, it's really great that I can, sort of, hone my focus on one job.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: It can't be stated enough how good of a job Keegan's done for us so far and the energy that he's brought has been great. He's very organized. He's doing a really good job keeping the guys fired up.

KEEGAN BRADLEY: You have to earn the respect of the players. Normally you're looking at your captain, he's a guy we all grew up idolizing. For me, I had to really prove to the guys that this was something that I could handle and that's something that I don't take lightly.

CAPTAIN KEEGAN CERTAINLY EARNED THE RESPECT OF HIS TEAM – WHICH WAS EVIDENT BY THE FIGHT THEY SHOWED ON SUNDAY IN THE RYDER CUP ... BUT ULTIMATELY, IT WASN'T ENOUGH AND THE UNITED STATES LOST THE COMPETITION TO EUROPE.

E2 – FIRST TIME WINNERS AND RYDER CUP COMPETITORS

ONE BRIGHT SPOT FOR TEAM USA WAS CAMERON YOUNG, WHO DELIGHTED HIS HOMETOWN CROWD WITH A 3-1-AND-0 RECORD IN HIS DEBUT ... WHICH CAPPED OFF *HIS* BREAKTHROUGH SEASON THAT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME COMING FOR THE 20-22 PGA TOUR ROOKIE OF THE YEAR ...

ANNC: In record fashion, Cameron Young wins the Wyndham Championship of 2025. His first victory on the PGA TOUR after seven second-place finishes.

CAMERON YOUNG: To battle through that and put together some really good golf has been very sweet.

ANNC: I don't know if there were any demons after all those second-place finishes, but they've been exorcised here at Sedgefield Country Club this week.

CAMERON YOUNG: It's nice whenever you come out of one of those times and start to see, you know, some greener grass on the other side.

YOUNG'S U.S. TEAMMATE, AND FELLOW RYDER CUP FIRST-TIMER, BEN GRIFFIN, MOWED HIS WAY INTO RELEVANCY IN 20-25 ...

PRODUCER: If you had to describe your season, how would you describe it, if you gave it a headline?

BEN GRIFFIN: I'd say breakthrough.

ANNC: His dream comes true! He's a winner now twice in the last month on the PGA TOUR.

AFTER HAVING STEPPED AWAY FROM GOLF TO BECOME A MORTGAGE INVESTMENT BANKER JUST A FEW YEARS AGO, GRIFFIN ASCENDED TO THE TOP OF THE GAME WITH THREE WINS IN 20-25 ...

ANNC: Ben Griffin, 29-under, a new tournament scoring record! His third win on the PGA TOUR this season!

BEN GRIFFIN: I'm just very, very grateful for my opportunity that I had and very grateful for the way I've worked hard and tried to achieve as much as possible.

WHILE GRIFFIN AND YOUNG EARNED THE FIRST PGA TOUR VICTORIES OF THEIR CAREERS, ANOTHER TEAM USA RYDER CUP ROOKIE, J.J. SPAUN, RETURNED TO THE WINNER'S CIRCLE IN A MAJOR WAY.

E3 – J.J. SPAUN – U.S. OPEN CHAMPION

J.J. SPAUN: My season's been tons of opportunity. It's been a great ride so far and hopefully the good play will kind of lead to more opportunities.

IN HIS NINTH SEASON ON TOUR, J.J. SPAUN GOT OFF TO A HOT START WITH THREE TOP-THREE FINISHES, INCLUDING TWO RUNNER-UPS, IN HIS FIRST NINE STARTS ...

ANNC: J.J. Spaun, has seen his game kind of get back to where when he won his lone event. He says he's just feel like he's been freed up to make a run after playing well the last few weeks.

J.J. SPAUN: I just feel like every time I'm teeing it up, I'm just super lucky and grateful to, to have that opportunity. And I got nothing to lose. So, I feel like that's the motto we've been going with these last few weeks, and it's worked out pretty well for me.

BUT IN MARCH, SPAUN SUFFERED A HEARTBREAKING PLAYOFF LOSS TO RORY McILROY IN THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP ...

ANNC: Even though this is a bitterly disappointing playoff for J.J. Spaun, what he can get out of this week is immeasurable.

J.J. SPAUN: Although I haven't won, I would say that I'm playing better, consistent golf, and hopefully my best golf's still ahead of me. All I can do is just try to put myself in position to win golf tournaments on Sunday.

ADVERSITY IS NO STRANGER TO SPAUN, WHO WAS ORIGINALLY DIAGNOSED WITH TYPE TWO DIABETES IN THE FALL OF 20-18, BUT FURTHER TESTS IN FEBRUARY 20-21 REVEALED THAT HE WAS ACTUALLY TYPE ONE ... ONCE HE GOT BACK ON THE RIGHT PATH TO SUCCESS, SPAUN EARNED HIS FIRST PGA TOUR VICTORY IN THE SPRING OF 20-22 ... AND THREE YEARS LATER, THE BEST SEASON OF HIS CAREER LED HIM TO THE BIGGEST GOLF TITLE OF HIS LIFE ...

J.J. SPAUN: When your back's up against the wall, you can kind of succumb to it and just say, okay, this is my way out, or I'm going to fight back. And I've always kind of fought back and come out the other side. Whether it was the diabetes or, you know, going through a bad slump in golf.

ANNC: This is a guy who just battled for his entire career. Almost gave up golf. And then to do what he did to win the U.S. Open in the fashion with which he did it. For me, I think J.J. Spaun's the story of the year.

J.J. SPAUN: It just shifted my perspective, where if my fate is to be on this TOUR, if my fate is to be a U.S. Open champion, like, it'll happen, and all I can do is just try my best and give myself the best opportunity to play my best.

F1 – FEDEXCUP FALL WRAP UP

ANNC: Everybody's had a couple weeks to take a deep breath and decompress from the TOUR Championship, and now we start the Fall.

WITH SEVEN EVENTS PLAYED IN THE FINAL FOUR MONTHS OF THE YEAR, THE WORLD'S BEST LOOKED TO FINISH THEIR 20-25 SEASONS ON A HIGH NOTE ...

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler prevails! His sixth win this season on the PGA TOUR, his 19th career victory.

ANNC: Schauffele making the family proud! A winner here in Japan!

ANNC: Ben Griffin, his third win on the PGA TOUR this season!

WHILE PERENNIAL STARS HAVE CONFIRMED THEIR SCHEDULES FOR 20-26, THE 10 PLAYERS WHO FINISHED THE FEDEXCUP FALL RANKED 51ST THROUGH 60TH EARNED THEIR WAY INTO THE FIRST TWO SIGNATURE EVENTS OF THE UPCOMING SEASON.

MACKENZIE HUGHES: If you can get in those first couple signature events and play well, you can kind of play your way into some of the other ones. It's a big way to start your year.

WITH TWO CAREER VICTORIES HAVING COME IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, MACKENZIE HUGHES KNOWS THAT THE FEDEXCUP FALL IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO FULFILL LIFELONG DREAMS OF WINNING ON THE PGA TOUR.

ANNC: Savor the moment Steven, you are now a PGA TOUR winner for the very first time! Steven Fisk has won the Sanderson Farms Championship!

STEVEN FISK: I came out today with an attitude that nothing was going to stop me from what I wanted. I just felt like I'd be standing right here, right now before today started. I know I'm good enough. I thought I could do it.

ANNC: Michael Brennan goes from sponsor invite to PGA TOUR winner! What a magical week for the Brennan family with his parents on hand!

MICHAEL BRENNAN: It really hasn't set in. It's an amazing feeling. It really is an amazing feeling. Winning golf tournaments is one of the better feelings in the world.

ANNC: Adam Schenk has his moment in the sun! Breaks through in Bermuda and gets his first win on the PGA TOUR!

ADAM SCHENK: Was really hoping this day would come at some point in my life. Never really know if it is. That's what makes the journey so amazing, interesting, and it's a surreal moment when it finally does.

ANNC: And Finland has its first ever PGA TOUR winner – Sami Valimaki has won the RSM Classic!

REPORTER: First player from Finland to win on the PGA TOUR – what does that mean to you?

SAMI VALIMAKI: Yeah, I feel like that's why the emotions come up. And I hope I can bring more golfers from Finland.

VALIMAKI'S VICTORY VAULTED HIM TO THE TOP OF THE FEDEXCUP FALL STANDINGS, WHICH SECURED HIS SPOT IN BOTH THE AT&T PEBBLE BEACH PRO-AM AND THE GENESIS INVITATIONAL ...

SAMI VALIMAKI: That was the goal for the week, to make it inside top 60 and get in those first two events.

VALIMAKI WILL BE JOINED BY MAX McGREEVY, WHO FINISHED RUNNER-UP IN THE RSM CLASSIC TO GRAB THE FINAL SPOT IN THE AON NEXT 10 ...

AND COLOMBIA'S NICO ECHAVARRIA, WHO MOVED INTO THE TOP 60 WITH A T-4 FINISH IN THE SEASON FINALE ...

NICO ECHAVARRIA: It's so important to get into those and it's so hard that I'm glad I can play those first two because the start of the year is so important.

F2 – ROLLOUT

WITH THE FEDEXCUP FALL CONCLUDED, THE STAGE IS SET FOR NEXT SEASON ... INCLUDING THE TOP 100 IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS WHO KEPT THEIR CARD ... THE TOP 20 PLAYERS FROM THE KORN FERRY TOUR ... AND THE TOP 10 FROM THE DP WORLD TOUR WHO HAVE EARNED PGA TOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 20-26 ...

WHEN THE BEST PLAYERS IN THE WORLD WILL AUTHOR A NEW STORY – COMPRISED OF MORE BREAK THROUGHs – AS THEY RACE FOR THE ULTIMATE PRIZE, THE FEDEXCUP.