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A1. INTERNATIONAL TEASE

NATS: All set.

PRODUCER: Okay...

PRODUCER: What part about the Presidents Cup are you most looking forward to?

Si Woo Kim: Uh, winning...

ADAM SCOTT: The international team has come a long way in this tournament,

NATS: INT, INT, INT!

ADAM SCOTT: And of course, we would top it off by winning.

UNKNOWN: Everybody's all in now.

UNKNOWN: We're super pumped to play as one for the black and gold.

MIN WOO LEE: To represent the international side, there's a lot on the line.

ANNC: The sweep is in the books.

ANNC: Oh, wow!

TOM KIM: It would be one of the coolest things, that could ever happen in my career.

ANNC: They need something like that, they need a spark.

SI WOO KIM: We all want to win

RYAN FOX: We've got to we've got a great team, I think we can give it a good go.

ADAM SCOTT: Our team is determined to shake it up and get a win on the board.

A2. TITLES

A3. STANDUP 1: INTRO

THE ENERGY HAS SHIFTED AND THE 20-26 INTERNATIONAL TEAM HAS TAKEN SHAPE – 12 PLAYERS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE NOW HAVE THE HONOR TO REPRESENT THE SHIELD.

WELL HI AGAIN EVERYONE, JIMMY ROBERTS - AND THANKS SO MUCH FOR JOINING US FOR THE SECOND INTALLMENT OF THE ROAD TO THE PRESIDENTS CUP.

WE ARE AT A VERY, VERY BUSY MEDINAH COUNTRY CLUB AT THEY GET READY, AND TODAY WE’LL TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT AN INTERNATIONAL TEAM THAT CAPTAIN GEOFF OGILVY WILL BRING TOGETHER TO CHALLENGE FOR THAT CUP.

A4. FULL SCREEN INTERNATIONAL TEAM

YOU KNOW, IT’S BEEN MORE THAN 20-YEAR'S SINCE THE INTERNATIONAL SIDE HAS TAKEN DOWN THE STRONG U-S CONTINGENT...

HOPING TO CHANGE THE TIDES OF THIS COMPETITIONS HISTORY, THE INTERNATIONAL TEAM WILL BE LOOKING TO ITS STARS.

A5. TEAM STANDOUTS

THE INTERNATIONAL TEAM IS LED BY STAPLE ADAM SCOTT, MAKING HIS 12TH CONSECUTIVE APPEARANCE FOR THE BLACK AND GOLD ...

ADAM SCOTT: It's a big year. President's Cup here for the international team. It would be huge for the internationals to get over the line.

A MIX OF VETS AND NEW FACES COMPOSE THE REST OF A HUNGRY INTERNATIONAL CONTINGENT, INCLUDING STALLWART HIDEKI MATSUYAMA, MAKING HIS 7TH APPEARANCE.

ANNC: And Matsuyama! Finishes it off in style!

AND CHAMPION GOLFER OF THE YEAR RYAN FOX, MAKES HIS FIRST STAR IN THE COMPETITION.

RYAN FOX: I'm really excited to head there and be part of the team.

RYAN FOX: We've got a great team this year. I think we can give it a good go.

A LATE SUMMER PUSH CATIPULTS TOM KIM TO HIS THIRD CONSECUTIVE APPEARANCE.

ANNC: This is moments you dream of... what a performance from the 24-year-old.

A CORE MEMBER OF THE NEW LOOK SHIELD AND DYNAMIC PARTNER TO FELLOW KOREAN SI WOO KIM.

WHO HEADLINES THE INTERNATIONAL TEAM, WITH HIS 4TH APPEARANCE.

A6. SI WOO KIM: 필드 위의 승부사 | "THE SHOWMAN"

PRODUCER: Everyone obviously has talked about the celebrations, the passion you bring to the Presidents Cup. Specifically calling out the night night call...

ANNC: So, must hole out here...

ANNC: Up and down for par but with Cantlay and Schauffele with the one up lead...

SI WOO KIM: We all want to win so I think that makes passion and a little more hyped up.

ANNC: Wow! Your kidding me!

ANNC: Just when you thought they had no chance.

SI WOO KIM: It just came out at the moment cause, I wasn't even thinking anything. I thought I was, not making from there... haha... but somehow got in I was just so excited.

ANNC: They're tied again!

ANNC: That crowd is woken up!

SI WOO KIM'S PRESIDENTS CUP TENURE IS LITTERED WITH COUNTLESS ENERGY PACKED OUTBURSTS.

ANNC: Oh! Look at JT take a look back.

ADAM SCOTT: The international team environment has like been the coming out party for Si Woo.

ANNC: There's something special about Si Woo.

MOMENTS THAT HAVE SHAPED THE PLAYER HE IS AND LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR THE LEADER HE IS BECOMING.

GEOFF OGILVY: In Montreal we went 0 and 5 on Thursday, which was, as you can imagine, a very incredibly sort of disappointing way to start the tournament. But somehow we turned the team room around on Thursday night, and then we came out Friday and "Oh my goodness, we could win 5-0," And we see where Si Woo Kim holds that putt last group of the day.

ANNC: The Sweep is in the books!

GEOFF OGILVY: In some ways he's a bit of the sort of the cult hero of our team, 'cause he's just so entertaining and he's so good to be around and he seems to be built for moments like that.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: I think Si Woo's kind of turned into this veteran leader for them over there on that team. He's a great player.

MIN WOO LEE: We love him because sometimes he does stuff that he doesn't really think about and it just comes out, which is great. It's the raw emotion.

He hits great shots, he plays well under pressure, and he's one of the most consistent players every week we can and week out. So to have him on the team is very special.

A CAREER THAT BOASTS FOUR PGA TOUR VICTORIES – AMONG THEM A PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP.

ANNC: 21-year-old Si Woo Kim from South Korean, he is the youngest PLAYERS Champion, ever!

SI WOO'S ABILITY TO SHIFT FROM EVEN KEEL TO HIGH ENERGY, HAS MADE HIM APPOINTMENT VIEWING. CONFIDENCE HIS BAGMAN INSTILLS IN HIM EACH WEEK.

NICO ECHAVARRIA: We all know Si Woo's talent. We all know that he can win a Players championship. He can. He has it in him. But I think Manny has given him given him a lot of confidence, a lot of calm.

MANNY VILLEGAS: It's a good mix of very OCD and perfectionist from Korea and then we get a little crazier more Latin flair you know... where maybe we can have more fun. So, I think it's a good mix.

NATS: 200 cover at the left edge of the green.

SI WOO KIM: We both kind of little crazy. And we love to talk about like funny things. So I think it's great chemistry with them. So always even play good or play bad. He always like cracks me up sometimes. So, it helps me a lot, especially the golf course.

NATS: Maybe try to not hook this way... and haah.

NICO ECHAVARRIA: Manny's a great caddie out there. I've seen his work and it's incredible how good they match up and the incredible things that they've done together.

WHETHER ITS ZEN OR CHAOS – SI WOO KIM HAS A WAY OF PUTTING EVERY DOUBT TO REST – PROVING, TIME AND AGAIN, THAT HE WAS BUILT FOR THE MOMENT.

ADAM SCOTT: He's awesome. We need all the all the characters in the team.

SI WOO KIM: We haven't been winning in awhile. So I went to win this time.

SI WOO KIM: Can't wait to play Presidents Cup.

NATS: INT, INT, INT!

A7. BUMP

STILL AHEAD ON ROAD TO THE PRESIDENTS CUP...

GEOFF OGILVY: This hole's always been here and there was always out of bounds on the left, we've just moved it a lot closer to the fairway.

TAKE AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE RENOVATION OF COURSE NUMBER 3 AT MEDINAH COUNTRY CLUB, LEAD IN PART BY GEOFF OGILVY.

GEOFF OGILVY: This is Medinah number three, there's sort of pressure just in that. That people are going to comeback and see it.

B1. MEDINAH AS VENUE

MEDINAH COUNTRY CLUB IS A COURSE STEEPED IN HISTORY. AND MOST RECENTLY, IT BECAME THE STAGE FOR AN AMERICAN ROUT.

JUSTIN THOMAS: Medinah has so much great history, all the great events that it's had.

ANNC: Thomas brings Medinah course number three to its knees.

JUSTIN THOMAS: Just the Presidents Cup there is gonna add to it. And I think the fans and the environment will be incredible.

... BUT THE INTERNATIONAL TEAM HOPES FOR THEIR OWN DOMINANCE OFF THE HEELS OF A REDESIGNED COURSE - AUTHORED BY GEOFF OGILVY.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: When you have the best golfers in the world coming together, you wanna put them on a stage where they can show off, and I think this golf course is gonna do a great job of that.

GEOFF OGILVY: At a venue like Medinah. It's a big venue, there's 3 courses in the whole place, so there's a lot of space for all the stuff you've gotta bring in for a tournament.

ADAM SCOTT: Excited to be going to Medinah. I've been going there a lot of years. From what I hear, there's a lot more thinking involved around Medinah now.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: From the word go, literally the first tee shot it's gonna be challenging all the way through.

CHICAGO WILL PRESENT A DIFFERENT CHALLENGE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TEAM, GOING ON THE ROAD IN A SPORTS CRAZED TOWN.

MIN WOO LEE: I think the sport is pretty important to Chicago, so It's not going to be a home advantage for us, unfortunately, so it might be a little bit different. Let's see how I handle it.

NICO ECHAVARRIA: Underdogs. We can use that as our advantage. Maybe we can we can change the energy and a lot of people can start rooting for us.

GEOFF OGILVY: The President's Cup is coming and looking forward to doing our thing and Chicago's such a cool town and Medinah's such a cool course that I've got some, some pretty cool connections too, so yeah, I'm looking forward to it.

B2. STANDUP 2: OGILVY AND DESIGN

THE LESSONS AND HEARTBREAK OF EVERY FORMER PRESIDENTS CUP CAPTAIN FUELS THE NEXT CAPTAIN IN HOPES IN BREAKING THE WINLESS DROUGHT.

AT THE HELM THIS YEAR, GEOFF OGILVY, WHO KNOWS A THING OR TWO ABOUT RESURECTING THE PAST WHILE FORGING A BRIGHTER FUTURE. HAVING REDESIGNED, THE HOME, FOR THIS YEARS COMPETITION – OGILVY WILL USE ANY EDGE HE HAS - NOT TOO DISSIMILAR FROM HIS PLAYING DAYS.

B3. GEOFF OGILVY: SPIRIT OF THE SHIELD

THOUGH NOT STRONGLY RECOGNIZABLE IN NAME OUTSIDE OF THE GOLF WORLD, OGILVY TAKES THE MANTEL AS CAPTAIN AFTER AN ACCOMPLISHED PLAYING CAREER.

ANNC: Jeff Ogilvy has won the 2006 matchplay championship.

ANNC: It's Ogilvy again! Aloha again!

GEOFF OGILVY: The addiction was being in contention, having a chance. Like that to me was my happy place.

ANNC: Geoff Ogilvy wins another WGC!

BRANDT SNEDEKER: He got on TOUR pretty young and was just a phenomenal talent, didn't have a weakness in his game.

A RESUME SHOWCASING EIGHT PGA TOUR VICTORIES – INCLUDING THE 2006 U.S. OPEN.

ANNC: There it is!

GEOFF OGILVY: I didn't really expect anything amazing to happen at Winged Foot. I mean I knew I was playing well. Scrambled well, putted well, and it all worked out my way at the end.

ANNC: Congratulations on being the 106th United States Open Champion.

GEOFF OGILVY: The next few years after that, things get pretty fast after you win a tournament like that.

A MAJOR TITLE, MULTIPLE WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS, AND CONTINUED STEADY PLAY, PROPELLED OGILVY TO NEW HEIGHTS IN 2008... REACHING WORLD NUMBER THREE.

GEOFF OGILVY: I had some really good runs. I mean I was up on the sort of the pointy end of the TOUR for a long time. Won some big tournaments and got in the mix and played in that sort of Tiger Woods era which was a really exciting time to play.

THOUGH HIS PLAYING DAYS PRE-DATE WHAT WILL MAKE UP MOST OF THE ROSTER, OGILVY'S LASTING IMPACT AS AN ASSISTANT GIVES INSIGHT TO HOW HIS CAPTAINCY WILL FEEL.

MIN WOO LEE: Being on Geoff's team, as you know, not one of the captain's picks and one of the players that, got automatic selection means yes, there's going to be a little bit more pressure.

MIN WOO LEE: He's got a lot of grit and I know he's, he was pretty fiery back in the day.

NICO ECHAVARRIA: His energy is amazing. His relaxing Australian mojo, you can say is unique. Obviously, he's played some incredible golf. He has also that experience in a lot of Presidents Cup.

GEOFF OGILVY: The assistant captaining is almost more fun in a way, helping other guys sort of experience what I got to experience.

TOM KIM: He's got that aura in him, he's got that seriousness, he's got that charisma. I'm very familiar with him in the team room.

RYAN FOX: He's very thoughtful. He'll be great in a lot of aspects I think, you know, putting pairings together, picking the team, getting us in the right mindset. I think Geoff's going to be great for that.

ADAM SCOTT: Geoff's going to be a fantastic leader. I think he's going to have his own unique style, maybe a quiet confidence that he'll bring to the team and I think everyone's really going to enjoy his nature over the week.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: I know how he's going to get his guys ready to play, so I know it's going to be a daunting task in front of us.

GEOFF OGILVY: I just love the tournament, I've just always really enjoyed it. It's so rare that we get to be a little selfless for a week, and I think these are our opportunities to do that and hopefully I can bring that to the captaincy.

OGILVY IS ALSO BRINGING A UNIQUE COURSE KNOWLEDGE TO THE CAPTAINCY, SOMETHING THAT COULD LEND AN ADVANTAGE TO THE INTERNATIONAL TEAM.

B4. RE-MAKING MEDINAH: PT1

WHEN YOU HEAR THE NAME MEDINAH COUNTRY CLUB, IT SIGNALS NOSTALGIC MOMENTS IN GOLF HISTORY.

ANNC: Mighty Medinah, which has been hosting golf's biggest events for nearly 100 years.

GEOFF OGILVY: Is one of America's major historic tournament venues.

ANNC: A course with a championship pedigree, three US opens, two PGA Championships and a Ryder Cup.

VAUGN MOORE: We've had 100 years of major championships.

ANNC: From the Medinah Country Club and its famed number three course. Carved through a forest of tall trees in Medinah, Illinois.

BRUCE DEANGELO: Medinah was established in 1924 by the Shriners organization. Course Three was built in 1928.

BRUCE DEANGELO: All three courses were originally done by Tom Bendelow. There were seven different architects who all had added to Course 3 over the years.

BUT THE MOST RECENT REDESIGN BY OGILVY - COCKING – MEAD, ASPIRES TO BRING BACK SOME OF THE LOST IDEAS OF COURSE NUMBER THREE.

GEOFF OGILVY: This is a bigger job than maybe you first thought, and they were excited that it was that big a job. They were excited to see how good, Medinah could get.

THIS... IS RE-MAKING MEDINAH.

GEOFF OGILVY: We're on the 5th tee at Medinah here, which is actually gonna play as Presidents Cup #1. It's gonna be an amazing first tee shot. It's gonna be quite the atmosphere. It's gonna be the biggest build out they've ever had, apparently. So, all the space here, good place to start the round.

GEOFF OGILVY: We've got out of bounds all the way up the left, sort of a real decision out of the gate.

GEOFF OGILVY: This hole's always been here and there was always out of bounds on the left. We've just moved it a lot closer to the to the fairway. It's the sort of thing you see in Scotland and you see at some of the really, really old school golf courses, you'll see out of bounds fences like this.

GEOFF OGILVY: We think it looks really cool. The post and rail fence, it's a bit of a throwback. I mean, Medinah's been here for 100 years. It's the sort of fence that they would have built 100 years ago.

VAUGN MOORE: Medinah is unique for many reasons we were incorporated 100 years ago, the just sheer size of our facility, we have 612 acres for three courses.

BRUCE DEANGELO: Prior to OCM we were very much a parkland tree-lined golf course. We had narrow fairways. We had small elevated greens, thick rough. We had dog legs that were protected by dense tree lines. It was meant to be hard, we'd bring guests out here and the guests would say, 'Thank you so much for bringing us out here. I never really want to play it again.'

BRUCE DEANGELO: We started out really not looking to renovate the golf course at all. We're looking for what we can do over the next 10 years to make Medinah a more competitive golf course, a golf course that will give a challenge to the world's better players. That was the genesis of the whole thing.

BRUCE DEANGELO: When we started this, it was after the 2019 BMW Championship.

ANNC: What a performance by Justin Thomas!

ANNC: 25-under par at Medinah, one of the biggest most difficult golf courses in the country.

VAUGN MOORE: Very low scores, so that really kind of woke us up to the fact that if we're going to be relevant in the game of golf, especially in tournament play with professionals, we needed to make a change.

GEOFF OGILVY: OCM is Ogilvy Cocking Mead it sounds like a law firm... Ogilvy is the obvious one, Michael Cocking and Ashley Mead, are the C and the M. All three of us grew up in Melbourne, we're all about the same age.

GEOFF OGILVY: I think I added that sort of playing experience sort of thing to the mix. Michael added the engineering sort of 10 years experience already, Ashley added the construction and turf management and experience in the industry. So, it sort of just seemed like a match made in heaven.

GEOFF OGILVY: Basically my first exposure to golf is Royal Melbourne and McKenzie influence Sand belt. I had the perfect schooling to appreciate golf course architecture. If I was to describe Medina for I did the work, I would say it was a bit of an underachiever.

BRUCE D'ANGELO: They saw a course that they thought had a lot of potential to change.

GEOFF OGILVY: If there was one set a hallmark of Madonna number three. Before we did it, it was very green. It was green from wall to wall. There was no texture. I think the fence is a really cool thing. It's a really cool thing to look at. It feels old when it's new. Introducing some fescue

and some more interesting bunkers, and taking out a few trees and giving you some glimpses across different textures. Fairway grass bunkers. A bit of yellow fescue waving around.

GEOFF OGILVY: You see the water now a little bit clearer through a few holes. To my eye it's esthetically more pleasing.

GEOFF OGILVY: It's incredible. I mean, you couldn't make it up. Probably the biggest job we've had as a company and the biggest job I've had as a golfer, you know, like all at the same time, the line up, It's incredible. We thought, what an opportunity to get the group together. We got a bunch of guys coming who have never been in the team, which is going to be fun.

GEOFF OGILVY: A bunch of guys who have been in the team, they all get to see that, get it in their mind and spend a bit of time as a team. The intent that we had when we built certain holes and certain greens and what we were hoping and how we were hoping holes would play out. I'll be sharing with them for sure. And like, I'll let Brandt and his guys try to work that out on their own.

MICHAEL COCKING: There's an old photo. Well, there was a few. There's a plan that shows a tee on the next close to the fence, and it sort of looked like they'd used the boundary as a hazard. And then there was an old black and white photo that shows the sixth green with a fence immediately behind the green. That's where we came up with the idea. But this part of the course is also pretty plain. Once you get up over the hill, there's not really much. It hasn't got the trees of this section, it hasn't got the water, and we thought it could do with some sort of feature that kind of gave that pocket of the course a bit more character.

VAUGN MOORE: OCM convinced us to say we would like to keep tradition and history based on photographs. I think it works for an homage and something that works in history.

MICHAEL COCKING: I think a lot of the questions were coming from people who hadn't experienced out-of-bounds fences, like in the UK. They're very common. There's a lot of great holes that use an out of bounds fence, but they're kind of rare in the US. So people were scratching their heads initially with the next hole, particularly because the greens so close to the out-of-bounds fence.

ASHLEY MEAD: And there's another fence on the next hole. So you can sort of see the two. But from here, you wouldn't know that that's not the out of bounds down the left-hand side, because it just blends naturally into the tree line.

MICHAEL COCKING: So that was bold like when we suggested it the club all the way through. They always said whatever. That's for the golf course. We'll defer to you guys.

ASHLEY MEAD: And probably originally when we came up with the idea, we didn't know that this was going to be the first in the Presidents Cup either. So yeah.

STICK AROUND TO SEE MORE OF CAPTAIN OGILVY'S CHANGES TO HISTORIC MEDINAH COUNTRY CLUB.

C1: MAKING OF THE SHIELD

ERNIE ELS: America's 500 million people, but the rest of the world is 6 billion so you're representing a huge mass of a very skilled people. And for you to make the team as an international player is a huge deal.

NICO ECHAVARRIA: It's been up there in the bucket list and one of the goals to make the team. I'm just looking forward to competing, to representing the shield and hopefully bringing the cup home.

ERNIE ELS CREATED THE SHIELD BACK IN 20-19. A SYMBOL OF UNITY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TEAM.

ERNIE ELS: For the longest time we played under a flag, but it was just kind of an international flag. And then your respective country flag, but as a team, you know, what was our identity, what was our mission?

ERNIE ELS: From the 2017 Cup, we went into 2019 with a very different look. We use our own colors for our uniforms, and our logo is a special logo.

SI WOO KIM: He brought the shield for us and then we play for the shield, so, that means a lot for us.

GEOFF OGILVY: It's a symbol in that something we can all unite behind, it gives us an identity that's not just, oh we're identified by eight different flags. No, like this is our team and I think it's been very powerful and I think Ernie was really wise.

ANNC: These guys are passionate about playing for that shield. That is the international side.

RYAN FOX: The greatest honor is representing your country, and you know the Presidents Cup in golf is the highest honor in that regard.

ERNIE ELS: You make it into a 12 selected group of very special golfers. I wanted you to really accept that and feel that you are you into some seriously special territory

C2: SEG TO FOX

OVER THE YEARS, PLAYERS FROM 17 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES HAVE COME TOGETHER TO REPRESENT THE INTERNATIONAL SIDE. AND IN 1998, TWO NEW ZEALANDERS HELPED DELIVER THE TEAM'S LONE VICTORY.

NOW, ANOTHER IS SET TO FOLLOW IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS.

C3: RYAN FOX: THE FANTASTIC MR. FOX

ANNC: Don't be surprised if you see the Kiwi Ryan Fox in a Presidents Cup in the next couple of years.

ANNC: He knows when he's on that he's as good as anyone in the game.

ANNC: The guy is just a man-child, hits the ball beautifully, a great teammate.

FOR NEW ZEALAND'S RYAN FOX, THE DREAM OF MAKING AN INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS CUP TEAM WAS JUST OUT OF REACH OVER THE LAST TWO CYCLES.

RYAN FOX: In '22 it could have gone either way. I was playing well, but I wasn't on the PGA TOUR at the time. So I can understand why I wasn't picked, but I felt like I could have added to that team in '24. I had my chances and just didn't really play well enough.

AFTER FALLING SHORT OF THE PRESIDENTS CUP TEAM IN 20-24, FOX USED A BREAKTHROUGH 20-25 SEASON TO PUT HIMSELF FIRMLY IN THE MIX FOR CHICAGO.

ANNC: Ryan Fox the stunner in South Carolina, gets his first win on the PGA TOUR!

ANNC: Keep it in the commonwealth, Ryan Fox, the 2025 RBC Canadian Open champion!

RYAN FOX: The biggest goal all year was to qualify for the Presidents Cup. I wanted to make it, off my own back this year. Not having to rely on a pick or anything like that.

ON THE BORDERLINE BETWEEN AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION AND A CAPTAIN'S PICK MIDWAY THROUGH THE SUMMER, FOX PUT ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS PRESIDENTS CUP FUTURE TO REST AT ROYAL BIRKDALE.

ANNC: We have a Champion Golfer of the Year! New Zealand's Ryan Fox.

ANNC: The fantastic Mr. Fox!

RYAN FOX: I was obviously pretty close until The Open and then The Open obviously cemented it. So yeah, it was it was front of mind after winning The Open.

ANNC: Ryan Fox after that big win at The Open, that'll secure him a spot in the Presidents Cup.

RYAN FOX: I grew up playing team sports. Making a team in our family was huge. So being part of a team, being part of that environment and suiting up with the boys and getting out there, that's going to be huge for me. I'm really looking forward to it.

ADAM SCOTT: I'm so pumped that he's going to be on this team and coming in full of confidence and really one of the leaders of our team this year after winning The Open Championship, he's going to be a big factor. We need as many guys on form and as confident as Foxy as we can.

NICO ECHAVARRIA: Foxy is amazing. His way of playing golf is unique. His swing, his power, how fast he plays. It's everything that is in him is what you can see from him.

RYAN FOX: You don't have to tell me to play fast, man.

DEAN SMITH: We've only got one speed, brother. And it ain't slow. Yeah. He's quick. There's not many quicker. He's always ready. That's the thing with Ryan.

JAKE KNAPP: Yeah, dude, Fox is gonna be waiting all day. It's my goal to not make him wait. But I don't think I'm gonna achieve that, unfortunately.

RYAN FOX: I think it matches how I kind of do everything in life. It was just be decisive and I've just always done everything like that.

RYAN FOX: I've got a lot of good friends in the international team and feel like I get along with everyone. So hopefully just bring some bring some good vibes to the team and you know obviously I feel like my golf game's in pretty good shape. So, I feel like I can add in that sense as well.

FOX IS THE FIRST NEW ZEALANDER TO MAKE THE TEAM SINCE 20-15 AND JUST THE FIFTH KIWI OVERALL.

THE WAIT MAY HAVE BEEN LONGER THAN EXPECTED, BUT FOX'S FIRST PRESIDENTS CUP COMES WITH THE CONFIDENCE OF A PLAYER AT THE PEAK OF HIS POWERS.

RYAN FOX: I definitely don't want to change anything. If you'd have given me my career, at the start of this year, I would have jumped at it. It's been a good journey and would I have liked done things a little bit quicker maybe but I'm here now and, feel like at 39 I'm playing some of the best golf I've ever played.

D1: REJOIN

THIS IS ROAD TO THE PRESIDENTS CUP.

D2: MIN WOO LEE SEG

AUSTRALIAN GOLFERS HAVE LONG LED THE WAY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TEAM. NOW A NEW AUSSIE STEPS INTO THE SPOTLIGHT TO DO THE SAME.

D3: MIN WOO LEE: FOLLOWING THE RECIPE

ANNC: Lotta people were thinking, ok the first Presidents Cup taste for Min Woo Lee, loves the glare and the spotlight, get him going and he'll take off but he's played one match until today.

MIN WOO LEE: Even though we didn't have the result last time, it was just it was the most fun I've had. The 2024 Presidents Cup was a very special time in my golfing career.

There's going to be a little bit more pressure and more on my plate. I'm playing some good golf, so I'll probably be playing a few more matches than last time.

IN THE SEASON FOLLOWING HIS INTERNATIONAL TEAM DEBUT, MIN WOO LEE'S DRIVING BEGAN TO SLIP, FORCING THE AUSSIE TO REEVALUATE HIS APPROACH.

MIN WOO LEE: At the time it seemed very close to where I wanted to but not close enough to compete out here. Decided to do a couple swing changes, stack on the left leg a little more. Still a work in progress but we did a lot of good work in the off season and I think the results this year are showing that I'm hitting it a lot straighter and off the tee hitting more fairways I would say and I guess I gave up a tiny bit of distance but not too bad. The iron play has been a lot better too which was the main thing.

MIN WOO LEE: It would be nice to have a bit more of a role. Last time I didn't really get too much experience or have experience under the belt.

GEOFF OGILVY: We love Min Woo. He brings a lighthearted great energy to the room. He brings some great ingredients to the team vibe and an incredible golf game too so we're bullish on Min Woo Lee.

WITH AN IMPROVED SWING, HE'LL WILL LOOK TO TURN PROGRESS INTO PRODUCTION AND FOLLOW IN A PROUD LINE OF PLAYERS FROM DOWN UNDER WHO HAVE, DONNED THE SHIELD.

MIN WOO LEE: Being Australian is a very special part of this international side. There's been a lot of players. There's a bit of pressure, there's excitement as well. The international side is so broad that, you know, having a couple or a few guys on the team being Australian is very special.

D3: STANDUP 3: ADAM SCOTT

IN A SPORT WHERE UPS AND DOWNS ARE COMMONPLACE, ADAM SCOTT EMBODIES CONSISTENCY AND ALSO SETS AN EXAMPLE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS TO FOLLOW. AT THE AGE OF 46 MEDINAH WILL BE HIS 12TH CONSECUTIVE PRESIDENTS CUP APPEARANCE, THAT'S THE MOST IN INTERNATIONAL TEAM HISTORY...

AN OVERALL CAREER LONGEVITY THAT GIVES CREDENCE TO THE ADAGE OF AGING LIKE FINE WINE.

D4: ADAM SCOTT: THE FINEST OF WINES

ADAM SCOTT: What I bring to the international team is experience and enthusiasm.

ADAM SCOTT CONTINUES TO SHOW HIS LONGEVITY IN THE GAME – AND AS A LEADER – BY EARNING HIS WAY ON THE INTERNATIONAL TEAM AS AN AUTOMATIC QUALIFIER.

ADAM SCOTT: It really feels like a great accomplishment to make this team and I'm really determined to keep making this team while I'm out on tour, being competitive and making sure the internationals get another victory.

AT MEDINAH, SCOTT HAS THE RARE OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME THE ALL-TIME LEADER IN MATCHES PLAYED IN PRESIDENTS CUP HISTORY.

A FEAT THAT SPEAKS TO HIS STAYING POWER BUT ALSO YEARS OF BUILT UP SCARTISSUE.

ADAM SCOTT: There's no doubt there's been a lot of hurt, especially on a couple of the close calls, most recently in Korea and then in Melbourne. Melbourne was a tough one going into Sunday with the lead in my home country and us not getting it done.

ADAM SCOTT: So much has been done working on building the international team starting with Ernie's captaincy really the young players who are making the team are aspiring to make the team that there's a history there. They've been watching it.

They've grown up wanting to make this international team and certainly seeing the team come together under the shield, the last couple of times has helped them, wanted even more.

IN 2003, JUST TWO MONTHS REMOVED FROM HIS FIRST PGA TOUR VICTORY, SCOTT REPRESENTED THE INTERNATIONAL TEAM FOR THE FIRST TIME.

A DEFINING PRESIDENTS CUP – THAT PITTED TWO OF THE GAMES BEST IN A LIGHTS OUT, SUDDEN DEATH MATCH.

ANNC: Not so fast!

ADAM SCOTT: It was a small victory for us that week.

ANNC: The United States and International teams agree to share the cup.

ADAM SCOTT: We really, really wanted to get the outright victory. Again, we kind of had a lead going into Sunday and let it slip and that's where the strength of the US team seems to always show up.

GARY PLAYER: You see the top of that mound there? Just short of that...

ADAM SCOTT: I think I learned a lot that week. Being a rookie kind of under the wing of Ernie for a couple of matches, I think he's one of the greatest match players there's ever been. I learned so much there.

ERNIE ELS: I see all of our captains that have captained our team. They've been involved for a long time. Our players that are going to be future captains, you talk about Adam Scott and these type of guys.

ADAM SCOTT: We're a long way from that now. I think our team is so much more prepared for these matches.

23 YEARS REMOVED FROM THAT FIRST HEARTBREAK – SCOTT HAS NOT FADED IN SKILL. RANKING 14TH IN STROKES GAINED APPROACH FOR THE 20-26 SEASON - IN HIS MID 40s.

BUT CONTINUED GREAT FORM DOESN'T KEEP HIS MIND FROM WANDERING TO THE FUTURE AND A POSSIBLE CAPTAINCY.

ADAM SCOTT: I've been I've been really probably well prepared whenever that time time comes. I certainly know what I'm getting into. And, you know, if that day comes, I'll be looking forward to it. But you never know. I might have a couple more playings in me yet.

ANNC: You have to imagine Adam Scott as a future captain of the International team in the Presidents Cup.

GEOFF OGILVY: He'll be an amazing captain, it'll it's inevitable that he'll be a captain. They will follow him wherever he wants to take them.

ADAM SCOTT: I know it's been a long journey and I've I've kind of had to walk away and not be a sore loser for a long time. But I feel like I've put a lot into the matches over the years. Being on a winning side would be incredibly rewarding. I certainly would love that memory in my career.

A PRESIDENTS CUP HOMECOMING FOR SCOTT IN 20-28 HAS THE WORLDS EYES FIXED ON HIS POSSIBLE CAPTAINCY. BUT WHETHER THAT MATERIALIZES OR NOT... HIS ROLE AS A PLAYER ON THE TEAM STILL GOES BEYOND PERFORMANCE ON THE COURSE.

NICO ECHAVARRIA: He's obviously a leader for us, being such a good player for so long brings experience in the team that we can rely on. Having him there is a huge asset for the team.

MIN WOO LEE: Adam Scott's been a big role model, you know representing Australia in the Presidents Cup and throughout golf.

RYAN FOX: He's an icon of the International Team, he's an icon of the game... down in our part of the world.

ADAM SCOTT: It is, an honor to play for the internationals every time. But it's getting to that point where it's now down to winning, and that's going to mean something to me.

E1: US TEAM SIZZLE

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Anytime you get to represent your country, there's just so much pride.

UNKNOWN: You get to the tee, and you start to hear the USA chants.

NATS: USA! USA!

BRANDT SNEDEKER: When they go out and play, they know they can go out and put on a show for everybody in Chicago.

ANNC: He's thinking about making this for sure.

ANNC: Oh!

ANNC: Are you kidding? Why should we even be remotely surprised

ANNC: You can add another one to Burns' list.

UNKNOWN: You get one of these every other year. Do everything it takes.

E2: US SHOW PROMO

TUNE IN TO NBC SEPTEMBER 20TH AT 2 EASTERN FOR THE FINAL EPISODE OF ROAD TO THE PRESIDENTS CUP.

E3: SEG RE-DESIGN

IT'S RARE HOME FIELD TURNS INTO A DISADVANTAGE, BUT THE UNITED STATES TEAM IS FACING JUST THAT. THE INTERNATIONAL SIDE KNOWS THE LAYOUT, FAIRWAYS, GREENS. AND FOR CAPTAIN GEOFF OGILVY, IT'S A COINCIDENCE HE INTENDS TO TURN INTO AN EDGE.

E4: RE-MAKING MEDINAH: PT2

GEOFF OGILVY: So, we're on the 8th hole at Medinah, which is going to play as the 4th hole in the President's Cup. And I love it for a lot of reasons. It's a short par 4, and I think everybody loves short par 4s. I think they're very democratic. They give everyone a chance to make birdie. When they're built well, they give you a chance to be aggressive. They'll make you make a decision off the tee.

CAM DAVIS: Straight up out of the yardage book I saw, as long as you can get over that bunker aligned with the green on the other hole there, you should just hit driver up near the green and chip it. But I think its going to be very dependent on how firm the greens are and where the flag is because if you're in the right side of the fairway and the pins on the right and greens are firm I don't see any full swing flop getting anywhere near it.

GEOFF OGILVY: I played 12 holes yesterday and this was one of them, this was the pin was just it was fun on me.

MICHAEL COCKING: It's just on the right side of the edge.

ASHLEY MEAD: Are the greens firm?

GEOFF OGILVY: Yeah, I went and I played up. Yeah.

TREVOR IMMELMAN: Congrats, man. Thank you. Really cool.

MICHAEL COCKING: It was one of the things when we pitched it to the club it was about creating so much drama around the water.

GEOFF OGILVY: It's a beautiful lake. It's part of what makes the property so great is there's this real, this great lake, it's a low point and you go up from both sides. Most of the course is on the other side of the lake from the clubhouse.

GEOFF OGILVY: There's the same amount of crossings, but we cross it on 16. At a big angle on that sort of semi-drivable sort of drama, hole, flashy hole, and exciting tee shot to hit.

GEOFF OGILVY: It was very ambitious when Michael and Ashley like they came to me and suggested this, I'm like, wow. Like you suggest at first, but they just fell in love with the idea. They ran out here after the meet. We had a meeting and presented it and like, they came out here straight after that meeting and they were like trying to picture it and work it all out. And they, they, they got very excited, very quick about the sort of the, the potential with this property that doing this unlocked, you know, so it's turned out great. It's going to be great to watch the good players play this hole, especially in sort of a drama situation late in the round.

ASHLEY MEAD: It's going to be such a great area to watch golf because you've got that whole hillside there, you've got that green, you got that and being down sort of in this hole, it's going to be a pretty loud, I imagine.

NATS: This will be a fun hole, way better from here.

APPLYING LEARNINGS FROM GOLFS GREAT ARCHITECTS, OGILVY AND TEAM FOUND A NEW WAY TO PRESENT MULTIPLE PAR THREES ALONG LAKE KADIJAH. (kuh-DEE-juh)

GEOFF OGILVY: 2, 13 and 17 were 3 par 3s that were all very similar, straight over the water, mid irons, 180 or 200 yard holes.

GEOFF OGILVY: That was always one of the noticeable things here that you crossed the water 3 times exactly the same way.

GEOFF OGILVY: A diagonal, and the great golden age architects understood this, the MacKenzies and the Donald Ross and Raynor and MacDonalds. If you have a hazard that's straight across at 90 degrees to you, you're either long enough to get over it or you're not it's very binary. But if it's at a diagonal. There's an advantage for going over the longest bit, but you don't have to.

GEOFF OGILVY: Augusta does it very well, the 12th hole is famous a right-hander traditionally, if they push it, the ball goes a little bit short, and if they pull it it goes a little bit long, or with the way that green sits at you, that gets accentuated, so if you, you have to hit it where you aim it.

CAM DAVIS: I love the way short grass fairways fly in between tees and greens. I love the idea of angles being important, not so much the line.

COREY CONNERS: It certainly doesn't remind me of what it used to be, its totally changed up. It's a lot different, pretty cool.

COREY CONNERS: I'm getting a little bit of the Sandbelt vibes from Australia / the bunkering and some of the visuals.

BRUCE DEANGELO: I think it's tremendously interesting to play. I think the backdrops that Mike Cocking spent a lot of time on the fescue and where the fescue is and how it grows and how it fits your eye as well as the rock formations that they put on the banks, things that I'm not sure I would really have appreciated beforehand.

GEOFF OGILVY: Opening up more views, creating sort of the fescue, a couple of different layers of texture and color out there, creating a few more vistas, to me it's I enjoy. I think it's a beautiful place to look at now, and I definitely think it's a more interesting course.

BRUCE DEANGELO: I think the stuff they put in made it a very scenic, beautiful golf course, so I think they accomplished what they wanted to do.

TREES WERE CLEARED, BUNKERS REBUILT, HOLES SHIFTED AND THE FINAL SIX HOLES WERE COMPLETELY REPLACED AND RE-ROUTED.

AN EXTENSIVE OVERHAUL AUTHORED BY AN INTERNATIONAL TEAM CAPTAIN – HOPING FOR THEIR FIRST BREAKTHROUGH SINCE 19-98.

GEOFF OGILVY: I'm coming with more knowledge than Brandt and his team will.

GEOFF OGILVY: I think there'll be an advantage for us early in the week. Because I know this course so intimately.

REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF THE PRESIDENTS CUP – OGILVY’S MARK HAS BEEN MADE, AT ONE OF AMERICAS GEMS.

GEOFF OGILVY: This isn't like a new course somewhere that no one's ever heard of, this is Medinah #3. There's sort of pressure just in that, that people are gonna come back and see it.

GEOFF OGILVY: I look forward to showing the world what Medinah Country Club has to offer.

F1: FIRST TEE BUILD OUT

THE FIRST TEE AT THE PRESIDENTS CUP HAS EVOLVED FROM A CEREMONIAL STARTING POINT INTO ONE OF THE DEFINING SPECTACLES IN TEAM GOLF.

THE 20-26 FIRST TEE BUILD OUT IS BIGGER THAN EVER, SPANNING THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SQUARE FEET AND STANDING AT FIFTY FEET HIGH.

THE STRUCTURE WILL PROVIDE SEATING FOR THREE THOUSAND SPECTATORS.

IT SETS THE TONE FOR THE ENTIRE WEEK AND HAS MADE A LASTING IMPACT ON PRESIDENTS CUP PLAYERS FROM PAST TO PRESENT.

F2: FIRST TEE AT PCUP

THE FIRST TEE WILL CONTINUE TO BE AN UNBELIEVABLE EXPERIENCE FOR BOTH THE UNITED STATE AND INTERNATIONAL TEAMS. WHETHER HOME OR AWAY, THE NERVES ARE ALWAYS THERE.

ANNC: The first tee, set with 4,000 in the stands.

GEOFF OGILVY: Each Presidents Cup we get to, it seems to have scaled up.

ANNC: They can sense how big this is going to be.

RUSSELL HENLEY: I hope it's loud. I would expect it to be pretty intense.

ADAM SCOTT: It's gone from big to enormous.

ANNC: They all want a taste of this.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: That first tee is unlike anything we ever have in our sport.

ANNC: The unparalleled history and atmosphere of the first tee.

TOM KIM: That's one of the most amazing feelings you will ever have in golf. You have your team behind you, you have a shield with you.

SAM BURNS: It gives me chills thinking about it. It's the closest thing we get to playing in a stadium. I feel like they're right on top of you and screaming their heads off and supporting you. And it's just a it's an unbelievable thing to, to experience.

RYAN FOX: I imagine it's going to be pretty hostile up there. Being part of that environment and suiting up with the boys, that's going to be huge.

TOM KIM: There's just something about these team events going up to the first tee.

ANNC: It never disappoints, the scenes at the first tee at the presidents cup

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Not only are you playing for yourself, you're playing for your country and playing for the eleven other guys on the team and the captain. The atmosphere on the first tee is always special and looking forward to getting out there with a full crowd and all their support.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I think I think the first tee should be awesome. These build outs at these Presidents Cups have become much more grand on the first tee. So, definitely expecting a nice turnout from from the people of Chicago.

MIN WOO LEE: Chicago may be a little different. Obviously there will be Americans, most of the stands and hopefully there will be a few international crowd cheering us on.

F3: STANDUP 4: CLOSE

THEY HAIL FROM NATIONS SCATTERED ACROSS THE GLOBE, BUT ARRIVE IN THE SECOND CITY, AS ONE...

THE INTERNATIONAL TEAM IS GEARING UP FOR ITS OPPORTUNITY TO BANISH OLD MEMORIES AND CHANGE THE NARRATIVE.

THEY MAY COME FROM DISPARATE PLACE BUT THERE'S ABSOLUTLEY NO DOUBT THEY ARE UNITED IN THEIR HOPE THAT THE DROUGHT ENDS HERE... AT MEDINAH.

WE'LL SEE YOU NEXT TIME FOR OUR FINAL EPISODE, A CLOSER LOOK AT AN AMERICAN SQUAD LOOKING TO KEEP THOSE INTERNATIONAL AMBITIONS AT BAY.

THANKS FOR JOINING US, I'M JIMMY ROBERTS.

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