

Korn Ferry Presents: All-Access at the Club Car Championship (Ep. 1)

Master Script

Segment 1

JOHNNY KEEFER: When I think of the Korn Ferry Tour, I think the first name that comes into my mind is probably Scottie Scheffler.

MATTHEW ANDERSON: Justin Thomas ...

FRANKIE CAPAN III: Max Homa.

ALISTAIR DOCHERTY: I think back to Will Zalatoris,

JOHNNY KEEFER: Tony Finau is probably up there,

JOHNNY KEEFER: But hopefully my name.

JIM NANTZ: The Korn Ferry Tour has never been more important than it is right now.

JIM NANTZ: These are our stars in the making over here.

ANNC: This week, each shot will determine who follows in the footsteps of some of golf's brightest stars.

RYAN GERARD: At the end of the day, it comes down to one shot. One swing.

CADDIE: We got to fly this.

ANDREW NOVAK: You've got to grind out those weeks as weeks for you don't quite have it.

ANNC: There's only 20 cards available.

JOHN VANDERLAAN: You're just trying to find it every single day and get as much out of it as you can.

CADDIE: Let's go.

BRIAN CAMPBELL: We're not stopping until we reach the pinnacle of golf, which is the PGA TOUR.

MATTHEW ANDERSON: At stake each week on the Korn Ferry Tour, just the opportunity to be one step closer to a lifelong dream.

ANNC: This season, it's moved from top 30 to top 20 get their PGA TOUR cards, 26 events and 20 cards.

MATTHEW ANDERSON: Likely some guys who win might not get it.

MITCHELL MEISSNER: It's really making one more putt when you're in contention or fighting to make a cut just to get, you know, two, four, six, eight points, whatever.

MITCHELL MEISSNER: It's probably going to come down to one made cut. And, you know, a decent weekend for the guy that finishes 20th.

JOHNNY KEEFER: I feel like in my head, you know, if I play well enough, I'll get it.

ALISTAIR DOCHERTY: There's just no quit. You have to be grinding it out every single time. Every point matters.

JOHNNY KEEFER: I'm camera shy.

PRODUCER: You're camera shy? No you're not!

JOHNNY KEEFER: Yeah, very.

ALISTAIR DOCHERTY: Par three and a half.

ANNC: From San Antonio, Texas: Johnny Keefer.

JOHNNY KEEFER: I'm Johnny Keefer. I'm from San Antonio, Texas. I just graduated from the PGA TOUR Americas, and this is my seventh event.

TRENT PHILLIPS: That a gator on the bank? Yeah.

JOHNNY KEEFER: Do I do it for the shot, though?

CADDIE: Hold, please.

JOHNNY KEEFER: Oh. That was pure. That dude didn't even flinch.

ANDRES GONZALES: He's going to be somebody that we are going to keep an eye on throughout the entire year. He's fun to watch. He's always smiling. And he's just one of the personalities that you need to see in golf.

ALISTAIR DOCHERTY: I'm telling you, you guys should probably play it from back here.

CADDIE: The birdie won't count.

ANNC: From Vancouver, Washington, Alistair Docherty.

ALISTAIR DOCHERTY: Hi. My name is Alistair Docherty, and I'm working my way up to get to the PGA TOUR. Here are some snippets of my practice, accomplishments, and live footage from my career so far.

ALISTAIR DOCHERTY: I look like a goof. The things we do to try and get noticed.

ANDRES GONZALES: I've known about Alistair for quite a while.

ANDRES GONZALES: It was tough to see him last year miss it by a shot, but it seems like he's really bounced back well. He's going to be a very mature player this year that we're going to see at the end of the year on the PGA TOUR.

ALISTAIR DOCHERTY: Vibes are high.

ALISTAIR DOCHERTY: Good morning.

SHANE BACON: Hello Andres, can you hear us?

PRODUCERS: One minute to air, one minute, one minute to air ...

PRODUCERS: 30 seconds, everybody

ANNC: Welcome to the 2025 Club Car Championship.

PRODUCERS: ... 3, 2, 1

ANNC: Golf now in the low country, Savannah, Georgia. This week for the Korn Ferry Tour. We've got the strongest field of the season.

ANNC: Alistair Docherty, very good read pours that in.

ANNC: Docherty trying to save par, it started there and it never moved.

ALISTAIR DOCHERTY: I felt like I hit the shots the way I wanted to, but to shoot even par is pretty disgusting in my opinion ... should have been at worst 2 or 3 under.

ANNC: Johnny Keefer, 24-year-old out of Baylor. A couple of pars to start. Then he got on a heater.

ANNC: How about this? Pitch shot at six. Stopped quickly. I love watching him. I love his swing. I love his action. I love his personality.

CADDIE: Good work, good work.

JOHNNY KEEFER: How do I look, pretty good?

ANNC: Johnny Keefer is going to be a name you're going to want to know and follow closely. The 24-year-old out of Baylor. One of the best young players in professional golf.

JOHNNY KEEFER: I think what makes me unique as a golfer is I don't really identify myself as a golfer.

JOHNNY KEEFER: I think every guy growing up, when they're playing a lot of different sports, kind of grows up and wants to be a professional athlete in something. I always thought it was lacrosse. And then right around 14 years old, I was like, you know what? I want to switch my focus to golf. I grew up watching Rickie Fowler, watching Tiger, obviously on YouTube and everything, so ...

JOHNNY KEEFER: Seeing them succeed and seeing how much fun they looked like they had competing, I knew then that's what I wanted to be.

ANNC: He was so impressive last season on PGA TOUR Americas. Had a win, had four second place finishes, kind of ran away with the number one spot on that tour. He's played 17 events as a professional, he's missed one cut. He's had ten top fives. And in those ten top fives, he's had a win and five runner-up finishes.

JOHNNY KEEFER: I think last year prepped me really well just because there's only ten cards for the Korn Ferry on PGA TOUR Americas and I had less amount of events that I could play. So kind of going in with the mindset of just taking it one shot at a time, taking it one round at a time was big.

JOHNNY KEEFER: By the end of the year, obviously, the goal is to be top 20 and get that PGA TOUR card.

ANNC: Keefer for the solo lead.

CADDIE: Atta boy, good putt.

ANNC: Birdie at 17. Birdie at 18. Total control today.

CADDIE: Way to play, kid.

ANDRES GONZALES: Johnny you played great today seven birdies clean card 65. You're smiling all the way around out there. You having a good time?

JOHNNY KEEFER: Yeah I mean making a lot of birdies and no bogeys is a lot of fun. So I'm going to have a smile on my face.

ANDRES GONZALES: Great start to the week and good luck on the weekend.

JOHNNY KEEFER: Appreciate it.

ANDRES GONZALES: Back to you guys.

JOHNNY KEEFER: This pork ... got some chicken and then we got some fries.

ANNC: Josh Teater getting back into the winner's circle in Panama came back from six shots in the final round.

JOHNNY KEEFER: Panama, I was in the lead for a decent amount of the day. Sucks I didn't win, but just having the experience of being in contention is a good start.

JOSH TEATER: Obviously Johnny playing great and continuing to play great. Here we are ... I'm trying to track him down again.

JOHNNY KEEFER: Not this time.

Segment 2

ALISTAIR DOCHERTY: I miss it. I miss it a lot. I mean, I was born in Canada. My parents say I came out of the womb and I put skates on.

Oh, yes!

ALISTAIR DOCHERTY: I didn't really get into golf until I had a few injuries playing hockey.

MARK ANGUIANO: Any hockey records like Happy Gilmore?

ALISTAIR DOCHERTY: No, not as bad ... Not as good as Happy Gilmore's.

ALISTAIR DOCHERTY: I got hit from behind once ... got a concussion. I also hit somebody from behind once. Thrown out of the game.

ALISTAIR DOCHERTY: If we're in the area and there's a hockey team that's playing, I'll try and go. You don't get to do too much outside of golf, so take advantage of the time that we do have and do something fun.

ALISTAIR DOCHERTY: Three, two, one, start.

MATTHEW ANDERSON: Pretty much every year there's a story of some guy who, along the way, you know, you miss, missed a two-footer and missed the cut or one shot better, you're in the top 20.

ALISTAIR DOCHERTY: It has been a crazy five or more years.

ALISTAIR DOCHERTY: It was the start. It was trying to make it right out of college. I missed a lot of cuts. I played very poorly. I ran out of money. I borderline quit 2 or 3 times.

ANNC: Alistair Docherty, now 31 years of age, came within a shot of getting his PGA TOUR card not once, but twice last season.

ANNC: With that save, Docherty, who shot 68, out.

ANNC: And again, Alistair's going to come up a single shot short.

ALISTAIR DOCHERTY: It's just heartbreaking. To come up one shot short again and go through all those emotions was brutal.

ALISTAIR DOCHERTY: I mean, there's just no quit. That's been with me since ... since I was born. That's the way I was raised. There's just no quit. If you would have told me last year that I kept my Korn Ferry card comfortably and that I was, you know, trending and getting better, I would have taken it in a heartbeat.

ANNC: Alistair Docherty in this week on a sponsor's exemption.

ANNC: Boy does he finish it off in style.

ALISTAIR DOCHERTY: I was starting to run out of money again, tied for second, \$350,000 in the bank. I mean, I'll never forget walking through the tunnel and seeing my mom crying and I'm tearing up right now. It was amazing.

ANNC: Alistair Docherty has continued to grind and continue to play solid golf. And you know where he sits right now, by the way, he sits 20th on the points list on the bubble.

ALISTAIR DOCHERTY: My goal this season is, is not just to get my PGA TOUR card, it's to finish number one.

CADDIE: We were just talking about the two nines are kind of different golf courses. It seems like the front nine is very gettable with this wind.

CADDIE: Let's go.

ALISTAIR DOCHERTY: I was battling from the get-go.

CADDIE: Keep going.

ANNC: Need to make a move on this Friday to have an opportunity to play the weekend.

CODY BLICK: Being on the cut line on the Korn Ferry Tour is stressful. We got rent to pay and bills to pay.

COLE HAMMER: You perform right at the goal line, you have chance to win. If not,

CODY BLICK: Slam the the clubs in the trunk and driving home ...

COLE HAMMER: There's a lot of a lot of pressure, a lot of finality that comes down to those last couple holes on Friday afternoon.

CADDIE: Who'd you say shot that on the front earlier?

ALISTAIR DOCHERTY: I don't care, I need to beat it.

CADDIE: That's what I'm saying. You can do it. You know what we got to do.

ALISTAIR DOCHERTY: I felt my prep was good. I just kind of got some bad breaks. It's just ... You just focus on a couple minor things. Flighting wedges, maybe practice some balls out of divots. I don't know. Gave it my all. Just no quit.

CADDIE: Battled all day. Almost got it done.

ALISTAIR DOCHERTY: It's close. It's just very frustrating.

Segment 3

ANNC: A lot of fans out on a pretty Saturday in Savannah.

ANDRES GONZALEZ: Right now it's blowing maybe ten miles an hour. But throughout the round, it gusts up to 30. It may switch ways a little bit here and there. Enough to get these guys thinking.

STARTER: This is the 11:30 starting time. First on the tee, Johnny Keefer.

CADDIE: I say 90 should pitch probably if you're kind of driving, it should pitch 86 or 87.

CADDIE: All right good shot.

CADDIE: Nice!

JOHNNY KEEFER: I think it was pretty good, other than, for most of the day, I was getting steamrolled.

ANNC: How about Jeremy Gandon, the 28-year-old Frenchman, red hot in this third round, and he's just filling it up.

CADDIE: This dude's trying to birdie them all. What's he at? 10?

JOHNNY KEEFER: He's at 10, yeah.

ANNC: Keefer's four under on the day and all of a sudden you're five back.

JOHNNY KEEFER: It was great playing with Jeremy. He had a good round. It was kind of nice to feed off of kind of what he did.

ANNC: Nick Gabrelcik having a solid day as well, he's six under par. Exciting young player. He finished fifth last year in PGA TOUR University.

NICK GABRELCIK: Back in college I was a big negative guy. I kind of drew the negatives more than the positives and tried to work on those. But now after being out here for a year, you have to be really positive, even when you don't want to be.

NICK GABRELCIK: Our dad passed away the week of Colombia, so we decided to take some time off. Over the past month or two, we've kind of learned that there's a lot bigger things in life than golf.

DON GABRELCIK: My boys ... oh my gosh you guys make me so proud.

DON GABRELCIK: Nick's brother is on the bag. Donnie. I can't be more proud of them as a dad and, you know, as a parent, because they're just such good kids outside of the golf course. It's just the most awesome feeling I can describe.

NICK GABRELCIK: That's kind of the mindset we have right now as golf's not the end all be all. It's our job. But I mean, just coming out here and having as much fun as we can.

ANNC: Clean card for Nick. That'll be a 66.

ANNC: Now Gandon. And that's going to be a double bogey. First time he has blinked today.

JEREMY GANDON: I was playing good so I was just trying to focus on shot by shot. A couple bad swings at the end. But you know, still in a good position for tomorrow. A wild, wild 65 for Jeremy Gandon.

CADDIE: Jeremy, good playing today, man. Good luck tomorrow.

JOHNNY KEEFER: We can keep it rolling tomorrow. I know I had a solid day today, so if I can go out and, you know, kind of play my game, I can compete.

CADDIE: We'll run them down tomorrow.

ANNC: It's going to probably feel like he left a couple out there, but he's only three shots back and well in contention.

ANNC: Jeremy Gandon will be out there alongside a two-time PGA TOUR winner. Gandon going to have to find that level of play in that putter that we saw the first 15 holes.

Segment 4

ANNC: It is Championship Sunday at the Club Car Championship.

CADDIE: Just a late afternoon Sunday those are the best in this game.

ANNC: Eighth playing of this event produced some big winners. Looking to crown another champion on this Sunday.

CADDIE: Back right flag, we'll wedge it up there. Let's have a day.

CADDIE: Get through, come on.

JOHNNY KEEFER: I definitely think that my competitive advantage is my mind, my mental game. I think it's definitely a strength to be able to go out on the golf course and reset almost any time I hit a bad shot, or have a bad round, or have even a bad tournament. I've gotten to the point where I can almost imagine a good shot even after a bad one.

JOHNNY KEEFER: So in my head this week I've hit zero bad shots. I think it's really easy for us to get caught into the trap of, our entire self-worth is based on who we are and how we're shooting, and I have a lot more going for me than just golf.

CADDIE: Cover there and kick a little left, go!

JOHNNY KEEFER: It's always exciting, you know, being within a few shots of the lead coming down the stretch.

CADDIE: All right, do your thing. Be you.

JOHNNY KEEFER: I got really comfortable out there. Understood that, you know, my game wasn't perfect, but I can still compete and still get after it.

CADDIE: Atta boy. Good putt.

JOHNNY KEEFER: It's always going to come down to a shot. It's always going to come down to what I could have done better.

CADDIE: Good playing, dog. Great week, your week's coming.

JOHNNY KEEFER: Understanding, learning, and kind of growing, that's really important to me. Continuing to put myself in these positions is, kind of where we want to be.

ANNC: Nick Gabrelcik is still in the conversation.

CADDIE: Little spinny should be okay. Know it's it's going have 400 yards. Yeah.

NICK GABRELCIK: So. This week was pretty brutal. Just a lot of flighted shots, a lot of kind of guessing whether the wind was going to pick up or flip mid-air. Like it was difficult. But I mean, I think we managed it really well.

CADDIE: Let's just get something to it, if it gets a little past it, no worries.

NICK GABRELCIK: When I first started coming back playing golf, it wasn't great. But this week was definitely a big momentum booster.

CADDIE: Good putt, good stroke. Jim, good week.

NICK GABRELCIK: Obviously the goal is top 20 and I think just keep getting top tens. Maybe throw in a win and we'll be in a good spot.

JEREMY GANDON: Even today I can ... I felt like I struggled a little bit, I didn't have my best game and towards the end, hit a few good shots, the putts went in.

ANNC: Right in the heart, what a putt. Jeremy Gandon not going away.

ANNC: This putt to win. Good attempt. Just crept by that right side. Just like last year. Another playoff. Jeremy Gandon versus Rick Lamb. Big moment here for the young Frenchman.

ANNC: Beautiful golf shot there from Gandon. And he'll have that to win.

ANNC: And there it is. Gandon, the champion in Savannah.

JEREMY GANDON: I was saying earlier, I mean kind of jokingly, but not really. You know, after last year, I didn't know if I would still play golf, but I was getting to a point where I needed something to happen and that just happened. So that's the main reason why it's so surreal.

ANNC: He puts himself in a fantastic position to finish in that top 20, get his PGA TOUR card. It's been so fun to watch. Kind of the mix of players we've seen on this leaderboard. And this is exactly what the Korn Ferry Tour is all about, and this is what we've seen most of the season to this point.

CADDIE: Good tournament.

JOHNNY KEEFER: Thanks. Thanks for, you know, featuring me this week.

ANNC: Our 2025 Club Car Championship at the Landings Golf and Athletic Club ... Jeremy Gandon, congratulations.

JEREMY GANDON: This is, still quite surreal to give the victory speech right now, but, my family, my wife, my brother, my friends that supported me ... yeah. Thank you. All right. I'm good. Yeah. Thanks.

ANNC: Impressive, considering he came into this season with conditional status. Just an incredible week for him.

JORDAN DUGGAN: Congratulations, baby!

JEREMY GANDON: Thank you, thank you. Were you watching?

JORDAN DUGGAN: We were watching, yeah, the whole family. Oh, my gosh, we were ... we were so anxious.

JEREMY GANDON: Oh, yeah?

JORDAN DUGGAN: Yeah.

JEREMY GANDON: Well, I was a little bit too. Thanks to you guys for following. Thanks to the volunteers. And, see you later.