

**SEGMENT 1**

ANNC: Not a bad place to live here, south Florida, West Palm Beach, Jupiter area. It's a hotbed for Pros. Xander Schauffele. Two time Major Champion-this season. The world number 2 he is that guy now. Just clutch. Boom. What a putt. Xander Schauffele in such a different place in the game than he was a couple of years ago.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: You have to walk through the fire.

MUSIC LYRICS: I ain't takin days off, glory's what I came for.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: But if you are trying to get to the top and beat everyone you got to do it, knock on the door till you beat it down.

ANNC: Xander Schauffele

MUSIC LYRICS: Ain't no one better!

XANDER SCHAUFFELE NAT: Here I go...

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: in Jupiter it's a sort of sleepier slower pace of life, which I enjoy, especially when I'm home away from competing in tournaments.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: You know if you have an offseason, that means you've certainly played well enough to earn some time off or you don't feel like you have to keep playing. It's definitely something that I shoot for every year.

ANNC: Banner year here for Xander Schauffele picking off those two major titles. PGA Championship and The Open, the two majors. What's next in his development as a player? I think now that he's gotten a taste of winning those major championships and really punched his way through the finish line, I think there's more major championships in store for him.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: Its hard to describe. You try to dream of yourself winning it. I was extremely confident going into Valhalla and felt like this is a really nice place for my game to be in, going into a major championship.

KAISER SOT: PGA Championship he was hitting it so well, that's probably the best I've seen him hit it

ANNC: Xander Schauffele what a win at Valhalla

SCHAUFFELE SOT: SCHAUFFELE SOT: I proved I can do it you dream about it. Seeing yourself hold a trophy and making that putt on the last, at Vahalla to win the PGA Championship

was beyond special. It was cool to actually get it done. And think that's really what translated over to The Open.

ANNC: And its victory for Xander Schauffele

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: Its this iconic scene I've seen on so many times on tv, its really the sickest walk in golf.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: We are headed to the brand-new SoFi center for the TGL league. It's the bright lights, the sort of being in an arena versus sort of being out on a on a field or course its quite a visual when you walk in.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE NAT: Sup guys, how ya doing, what's going on.

NAT: Here is Andrew Scott he is going to walk you through the demo.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: TGL...Tomorrow Golf League. It is a technology-driven golf competition. You got 24 players You got teams. You got a screen that, is something I didn't even. You could have had the screen half the size and, that we hit into and it would be big so it's got a lot of wow factor.

NAT: This is the turn table. Got it. This whole thing spins?

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: It's a very different vibe than what we're used to being in an arena or stadium-like feel. And you'll really see the tech come in, come in, into play when it comes to sort of going from the screen to your short game where they can spin a green in a circle, they can change the slope on the greens, things of that nature. So, it'll be the first of its kind no doubt

XANDER SCHAUFFELE NAT: That is a big screen ladies and gentlemen

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: These are one of the perks of the job here. Being able to sit out here in a sort of late afternoon. It's pretty much easy to forget you guys are here. Its not too hard to put the blinders on and really try an replicate the feeling you have now when you are in a tournament. Obviously, you are going to be a little bit more amped up and high strung.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: I think the offseason is really important to see where you're at mentally, because I'm sure, you know, at some point in my life, I'm going to wake up and not want to go work out and not want to go hit balls for three hours. But I'm definitely, you know, not taking it for granted.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE NAT: That's as good as I can do

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: I've been lucky to go to Sentry every year, it's still such a treat to go.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: The Plantation Course is kind of an incredible piece of property. A course that is built into a hill and I don't know the exact elevation change but you have crazy mountain terrain and ocean. It's a lot to take in.

## **SEGMENT 2**

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: It's the start of the 2025 season for all of us. So I want to get off to a good start and and position myself comfortably so I don't have to stress later in the year.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: I'd say this is probably the most relaxing drive that you probably look forward to coming to a tournament. It's definitely a nice way to sort of get in the right headspace before we get to the clubhouse. Yeah, I'm always happy to be here. It's definitely a treat.

ANNC: His performance on the way to the victory here in 2019 was one for the ages, one of the best we've seen in tournament history.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: I shot 11 under in the final round, bogeyed the first hole and then was 12 under the rest of the way, was able to clip Gary Woodland. Sorry, Gary.

ANNC: And Xander Schauffele has won the 2019 Sentry Tournament of Champions with one of the best rounds you will ever see.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: The back nine for sure has has most of the views from 12 to 16. You can ask Kaiser it's a pretty fun hike getting to this point. Every hole just gets steeper and steeper and steeper, and then it's kind of a relief when you get up to this tee box. Take a deep breathe, take in the view before you start walking down hill.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE NAT: The wind switched right Kaiser? Oh man

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: just kind of get back in the swing of things. This place is really relaxing, which you can use your advantage, but it can also be a disadvantage if you get too complacent and sort of just looking out the ocean all day. So, we'll see how quickly I can lock in come Thursday.

ANNC: Winner of the PGA Championship and The Open Championship from San Diego, California Xander Schauffele.

ANNC: Hasn't been able to get it gear today again. Couple bogeys, couple birdies.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: Sentry was tough. I mean, I in all honesty, I probably shouldn't have played century. I wasn't 100%. Didn't feel great about it. The rib situation happened late December and I don't quit.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: Finished tied 30<sup>th</sup> and for me to sort of come into the new year semi hurt play get worse. Now I'm sidelined. I'm pretty bummed to be completely honest. I

mean, probably the worst start to any season I've had as a professional golfer. Just trying to learn from this situation and, and really come back 100%.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: While I was sidelined from the PGA TOUR with a Rib injury I paid a visit to my alma mater golf team, always good to go back.

SCHAUFFELE NAT: Yeah, so favor and prosperity. So I lived in this house right here to the right. 5038 Faber way. Funny enough, looks like there's some college kids living there. We are driving to campus to surprise the boys at wedge practice it's good to see them check in with them, get a pulse, check on how they're doing. I feel a lot older than them, so it's nice to still have some sort of connection there. Avis is currently getting me from A to B everywhere I go so reliability is huge. I literally just roll up and a car is ready for me.

DONOVAN NAT: What's up boys?

SCHAUFFELE NAT: What's up dude, what's going on? Good to see ya.

HASTINGS SOT: To see the number two play in the world walk onto the practice fields and, and come hang out with us for a little bit. It was just it's pretty cool.

SCHAUFFELE NAT: Hey Congratulations, man. Boys, Sorry. Crashing your guys practice here? What up? Oh, there he is. Is he still humble or no? No What up man good to see ya.

SCHAUFFELE SOT: A little nostalgic here. Just being on campus, seeing the boys kind of interacting.

SCHAUFFELE NAT: All right. That's nice. That's. I would take that. I'm really competitive when it comes to anything. So it's not for everyone. But you know, I think it was an environment that I thrived in. Hey, we're on camera. No swearing. Kid, you should swear after that, was terrible, but keep practicing. Geez. My gosh. Moss?. Oh. Oh,

NAT: You want to hit Xander?

SCHAUFFELE NAT: No, no, guys, I don't got this. I'm hurt, I'm hurt. Guys. Oh, no excuses. Hurt. I'm hurt. Where am I going if I make it? You guys get, was it 68? You guys get to skip the next three workouts? Oh, wow, I don't know. I mean, you guys, even you guys stretch now it's weak all right. 68. Oh, my gosh. Stay in school, guys. Oh there you go. Oh they say in school since school.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: Thanks for let me hang with you guys a little bit. Yeah go Aztecs. Get it in Townsend. You lead us off right here I come on, guys, that's exactly what it is.

TOWNSEND NAT: Aztecs on thre. 1, 2, 3, Aztecs.

SCHAUFFELE NAT: All right, good luck. Good luck at qualifying, boys.

### **SEGMENT 3**

**REJOIN:**

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: You are watching Xander Embedded presented by Avis.

MUSIC LYRICS: Ain't no one better.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE SOT: After sitting out for six weeks due to injury I made my return at the Arnold Palmer Invitational. A little hesitant, but hopeful.

HENLEY NAT: You been hurt, what happened to you? What did you hurt?

XANDER NAT: I got hurt dude, my freakin' intercostal cartilage area.

HENLEY NAT: Was it from dropping bombs? No. What's it from?

XANDER NAT: All the Karma from making fun of you. Good to see ya again. Good to see ya Russ.

XANDER SOT: It's great to be back, nice to see some familiar faces. And, yeah, definitely had some time to reflect in, you know, what was six weeks. Sounds pretty short, but felt like a lifetime for me, so I'm just really happy to be here.

XANDER SOT: Not competing and then coming into one of the harder events last last week at Bay Hill, I knew it was going to take a lot for me to perform at a high level. And, you know, obviously didn't perform the way I wanted, but, I feel like I'm in a better position to play better.

XANDER SOT: Preparation, always helps with adaptability. I'd say that kind of works on and off the course.

XANDER NAT: Good morning sir All right. Gotcha. I do thank you.

XANDER NAT: Got to win the tournament to park there folks

XANDER NAT: Alright, safe and sound.

XANDER SOT: With travel plans always changing. And, planning a car for my needs, is vital for my week and my success. Being able to modify reservations on the Avis app makes things just so much easier.

XANDER SOT: You can book a reservation in seconds.

XANDER NAT: I'm trying to decipher through which car I want but once you do book one, you can kind of go in and alter the drop off location. It kind of lets you do whatever you want. Boom, car's reserved.

FAN NAT: You gotta feel pretty good about the Aztecs this week.

XANDER SOT: I look at golf as work. I do love it. So it's good to have 1 a friend and 2 someone that's a bit funny too, it's sort of lighten the load when you're trying to compete.

XANDER AND AUSTIN NAT: Ow. Cute. That's, going to go in the yearbook.

AUSTIN SOT: He's my one of my best friends. I've spent a lot of time with him and you know, he's he's a really good human being. We've built a relationship over the last ten years to where we trust each other so much.

XANDER SOT: I need to give him, two, three hours to go around nine holes, to check things out and then to walk with me as well for nine holes.

AUSTIN NAT: It's kind of like my zen time. I like to come out here and just think think about different scenarios and how I would plan out if where he hit, if, you know, if you hit it here, he hit it here.

XANDER SOT: Austin's always trying to turn over every stone, even if we've been on a property but that that sort of preparation, gives me a lot of confidence.

XANDER NAT: Trying to get better. Bunker. Here you go.

XANDER AND AUSTIN NATS: I think you're used to hitting out of the fairway most time. So it's good to try and get a few looks that may be weird.

XANDER AND AUSTIN NATS: Catch a piece. A little long, Yeah. *AUSTIN* A little Tuesday rake job.

XANDER NAT: You are gonna probably get hit here. You're fine. Hopefully not by the ball.

XANDER AND AUSTIN NATS: *AUSTIN* Should be good. See it sits like this *XANDER* Want to hit it a little higher huh.

XANDER AND AUSTIN NATS: Dang. Is that breaking that much? Yeah. Outside, Yeah.

FAN NAT: Xander!

XANDER SOT: Well, you know, I am an optimist. You got gotta start believing at some point. I got to start looking those past six weeks, you know, that's that's the past and learn from it and move on.

ANNC: That will work. I tell you when you are coming back off a big layoff seeing a couple putts like that go in you really boosts your confidence.

ANNC: Just working off the cobb webs, they're not coming off quite as quickly as Xander Schauffele would like.

XANDER SOT: I need to start contending in tournaments versus being like, the, the poor guy who's still rusty. You know, I got to throw that narrative out.

XANDER SOT: After returning from injury my performances were up and down had some good results, I tied for eighth at The Masters, some top fifteens, but I was hunting for a win and a huge part of getting back to the top is the preparation I do with my caddie Austin.

AUSTIN NAT: Look at this thing

XANDER Nat: Alright we good?

XANDER SOT: We have been to the Travelers. I want to say this is our

AUSTIN SOT: This is our eighth time is right.

XANDER SOT: Yeah, that sounds right. We've been working together for ten years now. 11 years? Ten years? We're this year, decade.

AUSTIN SOT: 10 year anniversary

XANDER SOT: That's wild, I didn't get you anything

AUSTIN SOT: Do I get a gift?. No, some flowers or something

XANDER SOT: Shocker.

AUSTIN SOT: 800 feet turn left. You'd think I would Not need directions after eight years.

XANDER SOT: Oh man you know I'm not that familiar.

XANDER INTERVIEW (01;48;38;23) I plan for the unexpected in golf just by having a really good team. With Avis, you know planning for the unexpected it's easy I know they have my back.

XANDER SOT: You know the app is super, super friendly. And it kind of works pretty quickly. So I'd say that sort of flexibility and reliability for people that travel so much is an awesome thing.

XANDER SOT: Looking for a spot. Looking for a spot.

AUSTIN SOT: Oh look at this, we have a defending champion spot.

AUSTIN SOT: Front row. Nice touch

XANDER SOT: This is nice. Reserved. I got the open on that. That's pretty cool.

XANDER SOT: It's nice to come to a place where I've played well at and had good memories.

ANNC: Xander Schauffele wins the Travelers Championship

XANDER SOT: So if I can sit here and think back to what I did that week maybe some good things can happen.

AUSTIN SOT: This is our, yardage book for TPC River Highlands here in Hartford, Connecticut. I've accumulated, you know, 8 or 9 years of notes in here if I lose this, I'm in trouble.

XANDER SOT: I think you'd be all right. Yeah. But you just have to redo a lot of work.

XANDER SOT: Austin will take his notes in terms of lines, targets, lands, things of that nature. Obviously, it's my job to try and hit those. That's the hard part.

XANDER SOT: I feel like we always have a discussion on this hole,

AUSTIN SOT: Should I hit driver nope no you shouldn't.

XANDER SOT: I think the biggest thing for me is, we're always trying to put myself in a good in a good spot, to succeed and talking it over enough can sort of take the edge off of, you know, a good or a bad shot.

#### **SEGMENT 4**

XANDER SOT: Looking back on the season, it's been a battle. I've had some really, really, really statistical highs, you know, on and some events and then some extreme lows as well.

ANNC: Tough break for Xander to drop down to 4 over as they go to 9.

XANDER SOT: At this point in the year I still have lofty goals, you just have to lean on self belief to achieve those goals. I still have a lot of golf in front of me. To sorta make my mark this year.

XANDER SOT: Things really came together for me in Scotland, with two top tens I was able to crack back into the top fifty heading into the final stretch. Before the playoffs I took a few weeks off in Jupiter to clear my body and mind.

XANDER SOT: Home is an important place to me. So I definitely try to use, home time to, to reset and recharge the batteries.

XANDER SOT: I feel like I've done a little bit more reflection this year, just just through injury and trying to really process what happened. But something I said last offseason was sort of, you know, when you get close to the top, it's easy to forget how you got there. And then here I am now, fighting for my life to try and make it, back to East Lake, so, it's a little bit of, appreciation along the way with remembering all the small little things you do every day to, to play at a high level.



XANDER NAT: Usually when I'm working out. I mean, hip hop's, favorite classic rock hits nicely. Metal, even not Viktor Hovland metal, but a little softer than that.

XANDER SOT: We start pretty, pretty baseline, I with some certain zone two cardio two, zone three and once the engine's going, we'll kind of throw in some more weights and start lifting a little bit more.

AUSTIN SOT: Fitness plays a huge role towards the end of the year if you're not physically fit, your mental fortitude is going to kind of diminish as well because your body just can't take it.

XANDER SOT: Performing at a high level is is the main goal. I think winning is a result. I'd say this year's been a mixed bag, but the last few starts, I definitely felt like I was starting to perform at a much higher level.

ANNC: Still waiting on the best of Schaufele.

ANNC: Xander is starting to turn it up, I think good things are coming up here pretty soon for Xander he might be a guy you want to pay attention to.

XANDER SOT: There's four X points in the playoffs and, as long as you play well in that first one and that second one you might just see yourself, at East Lake so, a lot to play for.