

MASTER SCRIPT
THE CUT - EPISODE 40

A1: WWTC COLD OPEN

ANNC: Beautiful area of Mexico, the Los Cabos region. The setting as the PGA TOURs FedEx Cup rolls on at El Cardonal at Diamante.

ANNC: He just made it!

ANNC: Tiger Woods design, opened up about a decade ago. 7400 yards on the card, lots of elevation change, and when the green speeds get fast enough, it is a pleasure to putt on. The greens are massive, 8300 square feet.

ANNC: It was the first event for the PGA TOUR back in Mexico back in 2007, the Baja Peninsula, right along the Pacific Ocean.

A2: CUT TITLES

WELCOME TO PGA TOUR, THE CUT.

A3: WWTC COLD OPEN

THE TOUR IS HEADED TO MEXICO THIS WEEK FOR THE WORLDWIDE TECHNOLOGY CHAMPIONSHIP ... HERE ARE THREE PLAYERS TO LOOK OUT FOR.

FINISHING AT NUMBER ONE ON THE PGA TOUR U POINTS LIST, DAVID FORD EARNED HIS TOUR CARD, MAKING HIS PROFESSIONAL DEBUT IN MAY. WITH 10 TOTAL STARTS, HE CAPTURED HIS BEST RESULT WITH A T3 FINISH AT THE BANK OF UTAH CHAMPIONSHIP.

COMING OFF OF ANOTHER TOP 10 FINISH, NICO ECHAVARRIA HELD THE 54 HOLE LEAD AT THE 2024 WORLD WIDE TECHNOLOGY CHAMPIONSHIP. HE CURRENTLY SITS AT 7TH ON TOUR FOR PUTTING THIS YEAR - ANOTHER GOOD FINISH IN CABO COULD GET HIM INSIDE THE AON NEXT 10 AND INTO THE SIGNATURE EVENTS FOR THE 2026 SEASON.

FELLOW COLOMBIAN, CAMILO VILLEGAS, LOOKS TO MAKE A RUN IN CABO. ON THE HEELS OF THREE CONSECUTIVE MISSED CUTS AND A T-36 FINISH IN JAPAN, A GOOD SHOWING IN MEXICO COULD BE THE BOOST HE NEEDS TO CLIMB UP THE POINTS LIST.

A4: VILLEGAS SEGUE

AFTER A SECOND PLACE IN 2023, VILLEGAS PERSERVERED AND WENT ON TO LIFT THE TROPHY THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

VILLEGAS CAUGHT UP WITH FRIEND AND FORMER TEAMMATE, MATT EVERY.

A5: EVERY TUESDAY WITH MATT EVERY

VILLEGAS: What's up brother?

EVERY: Que pasa?

VILLEGAS: How we doing?

EVERY: All good?

VILLEGAS: What's up, brother? Que PASA. How we doing?

EVERY: Welcome to every Tuesday.

VILLEGAS: Here we go.

EVERY: Have a seat. Let's do it. A lot of years with you.

VILLEGAS: Oh, my God.

EVERY: College teammates, what was the year? 2002, my freshman year in Gainesville, as when we met. And you've been in my life for quite some time, man. You're a sneaky role model to me, and I'm pumped to have you on, dude.

VILLEGAS: Yeah, thanks, man. Thanks for me. Yeah, like you said, it's been way back, 2002 for me at Florida. Great years, man. Fun years.

EVERY: Well, let's talk about it. The name of the show is every Tuesday. I mean, you've been out here for 20 plus years, dude, turned pro in 2004. Nobody crosses their T's and dots their I's more that I know than you out here. And it started from a young age, even in college. This guy's yardage book was insane, especially compared to like somebody like me.

VILLEGAS: Yeah, you always copy mine.

EVERY: Okay, I did. But just the complete opposite end.

EVERY: Are you the same guy now, prep -wise, early in a tournament as you were, maybe 25 years old?

VILLEGAS: Yeah, believe it or not. I mean, it's so competitive out here. You got to stick with it. I mean, are there little things that you already know, that you don't have to be too focused on? Yes. But when it comes to just going out to the golf course on Tuesdays, for example, you just do the same thing. You double check what your lines are. You bring your old yardage books, you have all the little notes. And from a fitness point of view it's pretty much the same as it used to be. I try to conserve a little bit of energy, like I said I'm 43 years old and I got to be a little cautious and listen to your body. I've been fortunate to be healthy the last few years which is nice. You have to stick with it. You have to listen to your body. You've got to check the golf course. You've got to work on your swing and you've got to stay competitive out here.

EVERY: The invention of Trackman came after you were out of school, right? And I know how your brain works. You're a guy you cannot turn away from information. Yeah. But you're also an artist. So it's a bit of give and take there. Do you think if Trackman was never invented that you would be a better offer now 43 years old.

VILLEGAS: That is an unbelievable question. I think Trackman has definitely helped me and hurt me at times. And it's about using technology in a smart way. I'm going to tell you that Trackman really helped me get my fifth win in Bermuda. Started working with Jose Campra and we got pretty technical. He was showing me certain things things that I really like and change some things that I needed to change in order to get better because I was pretty lost. I can tell you right now, I'm going to go turn on my trackman later and it's going to have three numbers and it's going to have ball speed, carry, and spin rate.

EVERY: That's it.

VILLEGAS: And that's it. So now I'm in a phase where I want to be more creative. I want to be more of a feel layer.

EVERY: I mean, I can remember certain shots you would hit. There's a par three in Phoenix. The Tee box isn't there anymore. It's like the first par three on the back, 13 or 12. There was a tee box that used to be up on the hill a little bit, elevated to that green with the water on the right. Probably played down five yards. You would hit it out of the screws with a 5 or 4-iron and skip it off of the tee box like it was a fighter jet taking off. Like even Tiger's stingers. obviously world class. They weren't the same. Yours were like riding the ground for a little bit and then coming up.

VILLEGAS: I remember playing the British Open and I had this cobra two iron and I would, early in the morning I would hit it off the tee and I could see a little, a little line.

EVERY: The dew mark?

VILLEGAS: Yeah, yeah, a little dew mark. I think with the way the golf ball has changed, that shot is not as efficient now. I mean, I don't carry a two iron. Sure, nobody does really. I don't carry your three iron anymore. So I got a hybrid everything. So that shot that actually skips off the of the ground.. I don't I don't play it.. But I do have the low one. I wish I could hit it higher though.

EVERY: Let's talk about Mia's miracles. Where are we at with that right now? I know you guys have a ton of momentum.

VILLEGAS: Yeah. The support has been unbelievable. Mia would have been seven years old. He brought us purpose in life, different energy. My wife and the whole Mia's Miracles team has been doing an unbelievable job. We've got different events. We have different programs. We're in Colombia and we're here in the United States. We're working with a lot of different hospitals. And at the end of the day, it's about our mission. Our mission is bringing smiles to those in need. So for the parents and the kids that are struggling and going through tough times, if we can bring in smile during a day for them that's our main purpose. And once again I'm very grateful and yes we miss Mia but she left us a big gift and Mia's miracles has wings man it's gonna the sky's the limit so to everybody that has supported us we really appreciate that.

B1: MICHAEL BRENNAN SETUP

2025 PGA TOUR AMERICAS NO. 1 PLAYER, MICHAEL BRENNAN, PLAYED HIS WAY INTO THE FIELD IN UTAH ON A SPONSOR EXEMPTION IN HIS FIRST TOUR START AS A PRO

ANNC: Just look at the last 6 starts that he had made ... 3 wins, a T4, a T5 ... he had 5 top 5 finishes. Including 3 dubs on the PGA TOUR Americas and it doesn't look like it's any different of a week so far for Michael Brennan at the Utah Bank Championship.

HE BRINGS A HIGH POWERED GAME, AS HE LEAD PGA TOUR AMERICAS IN STROKES GAINED OFF THE TEE, CONSISTENTLY FINDING BALL SPEEDS ECLIPSING 190 MILES PER HOUR

B2: MICHAEL BRENNAN STOCK YARDAGES

BRENNAN: Hey guys, I'm Michael Brennan and we are doing stock yardages at the Bank of Utah Championship.

BRENNAN: So when we are at altitude out here, the height that you hit the ball matters a lot. When you flight the ball down, you're not going to get quite the same impact on the elevation, so making sure we are controlling out heights is going to be really important out here this week.

BRENNAN: I think the most difficult part is the fact that the ball doesn't curve as much because there's not as much resistance on the ball when it's in the air. Trying to judge wind is also a little bit harder because it doesn't impact it longer, even if it's the same speed. So, once you make the adjustments, it's not too, too bad.

PRODUCER: What's been your top ball speed?

BRENNAN: All time? 201.9 ... at one of our PGA TOUR Americas events. I made four straight bogeys to finish the round, I bogey 14-18 and I had a couple shot lead and I was pissed to say the least. So I went to the range, well I called my coach first and he said 'Just hit some drivers really hard and send me your top ball speed.' And I think it did a good job of getting the frustration out.

BRENNAN: Alright, my driver out here, is going to fly somewhere around 330 at altitude. We got a lot of experience doing it in South America this year on the America's TOUR so I feel like I'm pretty well versed in altitude. Depends on the temperature out here as well, in the morning, it's not going to fly quite as far, but in the afternoon when things warm up, the ball is going to go a lot further.

B3: UTAH WINNER

THOSE YARDAGES WERE PUT TO GOOD USE IN ONE OF THE SURPRISE PERFORMANCES OF 2025

ANNC: It can certainly be a life changing Sunday for 23 year old Michael Brennan who is trying to close out his first win on the PGA TOUR in just his third start.

Brennan Parents SOT: He surprises us, and we're his parents and we look at him and go 'OK'...// If he did certain milestones or whatever it was in golf we would buy him another club// I remember when we bought his 7-iron he slept with it for like a week..// we didn't know it was going to happen this quickly, we're just beyond happy..

ANNC: Brennan, clutch. A Cinderella story three holes away..

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

Winner Presser SOT: It's amazing. I have to thank the tournament director and their exemption crew to get me in this week. It means a lot// look how it's turned out. It paid out pretty good.

Winner Presser SOT: Been my dream for a very long time to play on the PGA TOUR and win on the PGA TOUR, so, yeah, it feels amazing to do it. Just very thankful to even be in the field this week.

B4: FEC FALL STANDINGS

WITH THE WIN, BRENNAN JUMPED TO 95TH IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS, ACCEPTED TOUR MEMBERSHIP AND IS NOW FULLY EXEMPT THROUGH 20-27... MEANWHILE A SECOND STRAIGHT TOP-5 FINISH HELPED RICO HOEY MOVE TO UP TO 61ST, ONE SPOT OUTSIDE THE AON NEXT 10.

B5: WINNER WALK

BRENNAN: Thank you! Hey, we aimed at you on one hole because you had crazy pants.

BRENNAN: What's the best look for the hold here?

COMMS: I think to handle it ... it's supposed to be kind of a handle. Wherever you want to handle it, either the top or the bottom.

BRENNAN: Is that okay there?

BRENNAN: ***cheering***

BRENNAN: It doesn't even feel real.

BRENNAN MOM: I know, it doesn't, does it? May I?

BRENNAN: Oh, you may!

BRENNAN MOM: You handled yourself so well out there.

BRENNAN: Thank you.

BRENNAN MOM: Clutch putts and great drives.

BRENNAN: Yeah, I played nice.

BRENNAN MOM: The one drive ... that almost went into the bunker. It was 419 yards?

BRENNAN: Yeah ... it was a bomb. I told Jeff I was going to hit a bomb.

BRENNAN MOM: We were a little surprised you pulled out the driver, but I love it.

BRENNAN: I told Jeff, 'I'm hitting a nuke here.' He goes, alright, send it. I mean it's heavy but it's not that heavy. We go to the gym for a reason. Is this the top 10 form? I will pay whatever membership fee I have to pay.

FAN: Did Arnold Palmer teach you that you have to have a legible signature? We do the Arnold Palmer Invitational too. I saw your AP Cup stuff on your bag.

BRENNAN: Yeah my coach at school, Jerry Haas, he would get on all of us on the team for being able to at least, well my signature is no good, but to at least be able to kind of read it. What helped most with the signatures was I had to sign 2,030 playing cards. Like trading cards. It started out looking like a 3rd grader and I finished it looking like a 5th grader.

BRENNAN MOM: Hip hip hooray! Cheers!

BRENNAN: Cheers!

C1: REJOIN

C2: LEAD IN HOVLAND

2 TIME WORLD WIDE TECHNOLOGY CHAMPION, VIKTOR HOVLAND, LOOKS AHEAD TO THE 2026 SEASON AFTER SPENDING THIS PAST YEAR TINKERING WITH HIS SWING.

C3: HOVLAND SWING THEORY

PRODUCER: You said you had 72 swing thoughts last week, how many do you have this week?

HOVLAND: It wasn't actually last week, I was asked about a feel that I had at Valspar, so I said, I think I had 72 swing thoughts since the Valspar. So we will probably add a couple more to that tally this week, I'm sure.

HOVLAND: There's one thing I've been working on and it's helping a little bit, I just wish it would fix me overnight but that's not where we are at. Just going to continue that feel and hopefully see a little bit more progress and we can just clean it up a little bit for tomorrow.

ANNC: Hovland tapping it in for bogey at 18. That's a pump of the fist of like, I've finally got it done. It has been a circuitous, long journey back for Viktor Hovland.

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

HOVLAND: It's still the same swing and I hit a lot of disgusting shots but they happen to go where I look. Somehow this week, I was 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 half but I think I'm stronger because of it and hopefully I can still work on some things and we will be better off.

PRODUCER: When he said he's had 72 swing thoughts this year, can you relate or are you amazed that he's able to win while trying to figure all that out?

ABERG: Yeah, 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 he's a really, really smart guy when it comes to the golf swing.

PRODUCER: What's your primary swing thought with your driver?

HOVLAND: It's not like one exact thing, it's more of a certain motion. I'm trying to get off the ball a little bit better as of right now, I'm trying to move more up and back like I used to back in the day.

PRODUCER: And what about your irons?

HOVLAND: Pretty similar things actually but my iron game has been pretty solid this year, so the technique isn't as important, just mainly the driver that gets a little complicated.

ANNC: Par 5 16th, his third, the approach. Watch the use of the slope here... little bit of a spin and now it picks up that hill side! He knows from the crowd's reaction that it's close.

PRODUCER: When did you find this latest feel?

HOVLAND: It was Tuesday. Basically in transition, I've been tilting my side bend and I just don't turn my chest as much as I used to and I got that confirmed with a certain app and then looking at videos so it was kind of like a quick feel, like I'm turning a little bit more so I can get the arms and hands more in front of me.

ANNC: So Hovland who won it all a couple years ago, safely into the TOUR Championship again.

HOVLAND: I think sometimes I can get too much into my head about swing mechanics and all that stuff which I still think is important but I think when you're in the playoff and I'm 28th and top 30 advance, we kind of have to forget about that stuff this week and just go out there and play and that's definitely helping me in the short term.

C4: SEGUE BAUCHOU

WITH A 12TH PLACE FINISH IN THE FEDEX CUP, HOVLAND HOPES TO KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING INTO NEXT SEASON ... WHILE FORMER OKLAHOMA STATE TEAMMATE, ZACH BAUCHOU, SECURED HIS TOUR CARD FOR THE 2026 SEASON.

C5: BAUCHOU KFT GRAD FEATURE

ANNC: This for a 31 on the way in. Bauchou! A winner at the Simmons Bank Open!

BAUCHOU: It puts me in a much better spot which is nice. I don't have to look at the leaderboard every single week or the points. I've had a decent year, although the only thing I was missing was a win so to be able to get it done this week was really nice.

ANNC: Zach Bauchou is a 29 year old out of Oklahoma State. Just missed out on his card a season ago, he was 34th on the points list in 2024. We talk about the ball striking but it's always been there.

ANNC: Didn't get his PGA TOUR card after the heartbreak miss at the tour championship and he really looks like he's one of the more informed players on the Korn Ferry Tour.

BAUCHOU: I graduated from Oklahoma State in 2019 and we were able to win the National Championship in 2018 which was my favorite year in college golf.

BAUCHOU: We had an amazing team and we knew it at the time that we were all playing very well. But it's cool that all those guys have gone out on the TOUR and done quite well.

HOVLAND: In college he played super consistent, pretty confident and talked a lot of smack. He's a really funny guy. He's had some tough times after school, really struggled for a while there and I'm really proud of him that he turned that around and is able to make it to the PGA TOUR.

BAUCHOU: I went to Q-School which would have been the fall of 2019 and I missed at 2nd stage. And you don't realize it at the time, but my first year as a pro, just making it to final stage and getting status is a big deal because then you'll have somewhere to play the next year. So I didn't have anywhere to play so I went over to Asian TOUR Q-School and actually made it through there and I got my card. Then I took a two year break and didn't play any tournaments because of the pandemic and then once they came out of the pandemic, I played a season over

there. Didn't play very well and lost my status. In 2023, I kind of planned on being done playing golf and was going to be an assistant coach at a college and then June of 2023 I Monday'd into the Wichita tournament and finished 4th place and that kind of came out of nowhere. I got a couple more starts that season.

VENTURA: I knew that he had struggled a little bit with his swing. He made some swing changes. Overall just really happy to see him play consistently and play good consistently. We want the best for each other even though we are competitors. It's not easy when you're Monday qualifying or start from the bottom basically. Everyone has a different path out here.

BAUCHOU: It educated me in a way which was good. Even though I didn't play well, I still got something from it. But I feel like I've had a lot of personal growth in the last couple of years.

ANNC: I mean just relentless golf right now from Zach Bauchou. Every shot ... right at it.

BAUCHOU: For me, I always believed I had enough game to play out here but I was playing so badly at the time that I couldn't compete with the game that I had so I had to make some changes and figure some things out. I believe that I can play, especially at this level. I've proven myself that I can come out here and I can contend and get to the next level. And I would like to see how my game does on the PGA TOUR.

ANNC: Considering the way he has played some of the golf courses to finish out the season in his career, I'd be carrying a whole lot of confidence to carry over for 2025.

D1: CABO LOOKAHEAD

ANNC: El Cardinal at Diamante, a beautiful part of Mexico.

Eckroat SOT: Ya this place is incredible, Diamante, From the moment you get inside the gates you can tell it's a special place. It's really cool.

D2: TV TIMES

VO: THIS WEEK THE TOUR RETURNS TO MEXICO WHERE AUSTIN ECKROAT IS SET TO DEFEND HIS TITLE – AND OTHERS LOOK TO CLIMB INTO THE TOP 100 AS THE FEDEXCUP FALL HEADS INTO ITS FINAL THREE-WEEK STRETCH.

LAST YEAR WE WENT INSIDE THE ROPES WITH NEAL SHIPLEY AS HE SHOWED US HOW EXCITING THE 18TH HOLE IN CABO CAN REALLY BE.

D3: PLAY A HOLE WITH NEAL SHIPLEY

SHIPLEY: Come here and play the 18th hole at the World Wide Technologies with me. 210 front edge here.. 230, all those are adjusted for the downhill, we got down breeze big time. We got a 7-iron trying to bounce it on the front. I think we're on putting for eagle. FANS: get in the hole Shipley! Ya lets gooo!

SHIPLEY: Lets go guys. Thanks for walking with me on number 18 at the World Wide Technology...