MASTER SCRIPT THE CUT - EPISODE 41 - WWTC

A1: RAFA ORIGINS OPEN

CAMPOS: I was so close to giving up. I want her to know, like we're always going to be there for her. To go through life and give her her best. Those little messages really mean a lot. My precious Paola, if there's one thing I can teach you in this life, it is the power of never giving up. The power of embracing your journey every step of the way.

ANNC: Heading back to the PGA TOUR, Rafa Campos

CAMPOS: Because you never know what else has in store for you. I know I didn't, and I wouldn't change a thing.

ANNC: A life changing week for Rafa Campos.

CAMPOS: Our paths are never linear and God knows they are rarely easy. But no matter what road you choose to follow, I know that I will always be by your side.

A2: CUT TITLES

WELCOME TO PGA TOUR, THE CUT.

A3: RAFA ORIGINS PART 1

ANNC: Campos for par and the win ... A father on Monday, a PGA TOUR winner on Sunday, he wins the Butterfield Bermuda Championship!

CAMPOS: Following your dreams is never easy. But let me tell you, it is so worth it.

CAMPOS: It's been a blessing, but it's been so tough.

FIGUEROA: Obviously, I've followed Rafa at all times since the National Team, where he represented Puerto Rico. His ability was innate. The way I'd seen him win every tournament, compete with everyone.

CAMPOS: I win a lot and then all of a sudden, I get to college. I'm thinking, oh, I'm just going to keep winning. And I remember, like, the first tournament I played pretty good. And I realized I was like 62nd. Like, I need to really start practicing.

CAMPOS: I've had to go through every stage. Latin America, gone up to Korn Ferry Tour.

ANNC: What a performance by Rafael Campos.

CAMPOS: My first win, it's really ... I'm just really happy.

CAMPOS: I got my PGA TOUR card 2019. I was able to play 2020, 2021. Lost my card. I remember from like, I can't believe I lost this.

RAFA FATHER: There's a lot of stress, a lot of anxiety on Rafa's part, a lot of frustrations at times, and it gives us the opportunity to distill a lot of conversations and always try to provide positivity, peace and tranquility.

CAMPOS: I had so many bad thoughts in mind. I'm so glad I kept trying. I truly believed that I had an ability to hit the ball, but it's so easy to doubt yourself in this game.

WIFE: I tried to emphasize that as an athlete, his body was his biggest piece of equipment, his engine, and how could he not take care of that area?

CAMPOS: I've always wanted a whole team, but I wasn't willing to invest in myself. As you grow, you'll find the person that sparks your soul. Just like your mom does for me.

WIFE: We had a rather heated disagreement that I remember. It was a weekday at 9 PM. I went to exercise, I went to take a long bath.

CAMPOS: And right there on the dinner table, I remember I called a coach, my trainer, nutritionist, psychologist. I'm like, hey guys, I'm planning to form a team. Are you in or out?

WIFE: When I came back to talk more calmly, to apologize, he tole me, "I have a team, I have everyone. They all said yes."

COACH: I always had this dream of working with a PGA TOUR player, but him being Puerto Rican, it was spectacular and when I got the call from Rafa, I said, "Of course I'll work with you."

CAMPOS: Everybody was complimenting each other. Like if my coach wanted me to make a golf swing. He would call the nutritionist. He would call my trainer.

TRAINER: That will give you more mobility. There you go! Exactly! We have been at it for three years now. He lost about 40 pounds and we've been going nonstop. And it now has to be part of his routine. He trains. It doesn't matter if he's playing Thursday at 8AM. He's there at 4 or 5AM training, so he's become what we call a training freak.

CAMPOS: This is what it takes, guys. Unfortunately. But it's actually, you feel good afterwards.

WIFE: It was amazing how he gave it his 200% and it's just part of his lifestyle now.

CAMPOS: It was the first time I was able to play golf without an injury for the entire year. That was really mentally life changing.

STAY TUNED AS THERE'S MORE TO COME ON RAFA'S JOURNEY TO HIS CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT IN BERMUDA.

B1: WWTC WINNER

ANNC: Just kind of needs two putts from here. Quick putt down the hill, straight towards the ocean. How about one? Fill it up! Ben Griffin to 28 under!

BEN GRIFFIN'S FAIRYTALE 2025 SEASON CONTINUED IN LOS CABOS, MEXICO, CARDING TEN FINAL ROUND BIRDIES ON THE WAY TO VICTORY AT THE WORLDWIDE TECHNOLOGY CHAMPIONSHIP.

ANNC: Rory and Scotty will have company Ben Griffin, a 63, 29 under, a new tournament scoring record. Will be his third win on the PGA tour this season.

GRIFFIN: I was really proud of the way I kept the pedal down and was able to make a lot of putts there in the middle stretch and catch it off with birdies on 16 and 18 to seal the deal. So it is all in all a great day. And, I'm very, very excited to be the champion here this week.

B2: WINNER WALK

GRIFFIN: Let's do it. Thank you guys. Let's go. Thank you all much. Back on the green I go! Oh, yeah. Don't hurt yourself. This is a sick trophy! Oh, it's a workout. Oh. All right, here we go.

PRODUCER: How many messages do you have already?

GRIFFIN: 532.

GRIFFIN WIFE: They just keep coming.

B3: SEGUE TO CHRISTO

ANOTHER FIRST TIME WINNER THIS YEAR, 24 YEAR OLD CHRISTO LAMPRECHT, CAPTURED HIS FIRST KORN FERRY TOUR VICTORY WITH AN ELECTRIC FINISH AT THE PINNACLE BANK CHAMPIONSHIP

B4: CHRISTO KFT PROFILE

LAMPRECHT: So now you can win a professional golf tournament out here. It's really pretty awesome. Number one obviously. Definitely confidence boost. And then second, it's a huge help for me too trying to get to where I want to be and that's a PGA TOUR.

LAMPRECHT'S DREAM TO PLAY ON THE PGA TOUR WAS NOW CLOSER THAN EVER. HIS WIN CATAPULTED HIM FROM 31ST TO 10TH ON THE POINTS LIST.

LAMPRECHT: It was just a lot of buildup and energy and wanting to play well and, you know, just being purely ecstatic.

ANNC: Six foot eight South African great player, having an excellent season.

AS THE TALLEST PLAYER ON THE KORN FERRY TOUR, LAMPRECHT'S HEIGHT AND RESULTING UNIQUE SWING SETS HIM APART FROM THE REST.

LAMPRECHT: Eighth, ninth grade was probably my big growth spurt. My golf swing changed every week. I had six club changes in three years. It was an interesting time to play the sport for sure.

ANNC: Very high takeaway, then drops down, trying to keep his tempo, especially with how tall he is.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN HAS DRAWN INSPIRATION FROM FELLOW COUNTRYMEN WHO HAVE HAD SUCCESS ON THE PGA TOUR, ESPECIALLY FAMILY FRIEND ERNIE ELS.

LAMPRECHT: I've likely spent some time and holiday at a beach called Harris Bay Blanco as a family beach house there, and it's just around the corner from Ernie's. And he's adds, I got to see the other side of Ernie Els. It was really special to kind of be around someone that I looked up to back then. He was my role model.

ELS: We go from house to house down there. We all kind of family. It's unbelievable. I mean, to come from this little town here and to have this kind of talent come out of this area is quite incredible. He has that big time game and that's only going to propel him. He's done all the right things. It's now just to pull the trigger whenever that's going to be done.

LAMPRECHT: It's incredible how an idol or a person of interest can make that big of an influence on a kid.

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ONE OF HIS IDOLS, LAMPRECHT'S DREAM OF BEING ON THE PGA TOUR FINALLY CAME TO FRUITION. FINISHING IN THE TOP 20 ON THE KORN FERRY POINTS LIST, LAMPRECHT WILL BEGIN THE 2026 SEASON ON THE PGA TOUR.

LAMPRECHT: I just would represent a lot of effort and time. Put it in as a young kid, practicing for my goals and chasing them. It's not just what it would mean for me, it's all the people that have kind of helped me get there too. It's a dream come true, for sure.

C1: REJOIN

C2: RESET RAFA

NEVER FAILING TO SHOW RESILIENCE AND DETERMINATION, RAFA CAMPOS WAS ONE STEP CLOSER TO REACHING HIS DREAM.

C3: RAFA ORIGINS PART 2

CAMPOS: Our paths are never linear and rarely easy, but those who share the tears at your lowest will celebrate with you the hardest.

ANNC: Let's raise a glass to this year's graduating class from the Korn Ferry Tour.

CAMPOS: Ever since I can remember, winning on the PGA TOUR has been my Everest. And yet, in the week I reached its peak, all I could think about was you. Her actual due date was November 17th on Sunday, and we try to make sure so I can give myself those two last opportunities to see if I can actually keep any type of job. I missed the cut in Cabo, but I was able to get back on time. We go and get induced on Monday.

WIFE: We give birth at 5:32PM that Monday. We're on time to go back home with Rafa, our little girl, so he could get on his 8:30PM flight to Bermuda.

CAMPOS: We get back to the house Wednesday, like at 3:30, 4:00. I told my wife I'm like, hey, honey, can I have 20 minutes with the baby? And I just kept on looking at her and I'm like, what are you doing, man? Like what? Why are you going to go play? I told myself, you're doing this because you want to try to provide for them. So I hopped on a plane, landed in Bermuda at 10:30 in the morning.

WIFE: He barely slept. He didn't practice the course. He arrived two hours before his tee time. He came in, he warmed up, he played.

CAMPOS: It was such a cool week because at no point did I care about golf.

ANNC: 147th through the FedEx standings. Try and save his card.

CAMPOS: Second day I shot 6 under. Saturday was such a tough day, wind wise. But it was one of those days that, you know, things were just going your way.

ANNC: His lowest ever round on the PGA TOUR, a 62.

ANNC: With a win, he would be exempt through 2026.

CAMPOS: I go to church every weekend. I knew it was going to be tough on Sunday, and I'm running the church on Saturday and I'm sitting down. All of a sudden, I look at the cross and I'm like, doing this. And I'm like, I look at my cross and I'm like, wait a second. This is an exact replica of that cross. I felt so relaxed. You know, who cares what happens?

ANNC: Vamos, Campos. Red hot right now.

WIFE: I saw him playing extremely relaxed, which was my favorite thing about it. I saw a different Rafa. I saw Rafa enjoying his round. And that gave me a lot of peace of mind.

CAMPOS: It was one of those days. I knew something was happening, but at the same time, they're like, let's just let things happen.

WIFE: I called Carla, his sister. They were all at their parents' house. And I told her, "look, come on the 17th hole, you come home here on the 17th hole, and we'll see what happens." He still had a two-shot lead. But the way the course was playing, it was very difficult.

ANNC: Campos for par and the win.

CAMPOS: As soon as the ball was starting to go down. I remember my dad, mom, my sister, my brothers, wife, daughter and my best friend's. It was one second full emotion of how much I've worked for this, my entire life.

ANNC: A life changing week for Rafa Campos in Bermuda.

CAMPOS: They know that I was so close to giving up. I was just so grateful that I was giving them the moment that they deserved.

RAFA FATHER: It was exciting, it was wonderful, to see a person achieve their dreams, one of their dreams. And that we could all enjoy this, as always, as a family. It was very exciting. We all cried.

RAFA MOTHER: The two greatest dreams of his life came together. In fact, the day his daughter was supposed to be born, which was the 17th, he won his first tournament, and it was very meaningful to know that his daughter, as they say, brought him that blessing. I look at him and I admire him.

RAFA SISTER: His ability to be tenacious, to not let the losses take him down and to know that at some point he was going to make it.

CAMPOS: My biggest wish for you in this life, is for your heart to keep you moving forward. No matter how strong you are, no matter what passion you follow, there is going to be a time when you're going to get hit so hard you're going to fall. But know that we're always going to be there to help you up. Because giving up on your dreams comes at too high a cost.

PRODUCER: What is a trait you would like Paola to inherit from Rafa?

WIFE: Wow. Many, many traits. Especially how good of a person he is, how noble he is, his big heart, that warmth and that love. I want my little girl to be a great person too, like her daddy.

CAMPOS: If there's anything I want her to know is just, there's always light at the end of the tunnel. And man, did I think there was absolutely no light.

CAMPOS: Above all, know that I love you so much more than you've ever dreamt possible. Con mucho amore, Papa.

D1: TEE IT UP

RETURNING TO THE PLACE THAT LEFT HIM VICTORIOUS, RAFA CAMPOS IS LOOKING FOR A SPARK OF MAGIC IN BERMUDA. IT'S BEEN A TOUGH SEASON FOR THE PUERTO RICAN, BUT HE OUT OF ANYONE, KNOWS HOW QUICKLY THINGS CAN TURN AROUND.

ANOTHER PLAYER LOOKING FOR A LIFE-CHANGING WEEK IN BERMUDA IS BEAU HOSSLER. HOSSLER SITS JUST INSIDE THE TOP 100 AFTER A SOLID PERFORMANCE IN MEXICO LAST WEEK BUT WOULD LOVE TO KEEP THE MOMENTUM ROLLING TO SECURE HIS SPOT ON TOUR NEXT SEASON.

AS FOR A GUY WHO IS NOT STRUGGLING FOR FORM, RICO HOEY HEADS TO BERMUDA ON A HEATER. HOEY HAS THREE TOP 10 FINISHES THIS FALL, INCLUDING A RUNNER-UP AT THE BANK OF UTAH CHAMPIONSHIP. IT SEEMS TO BE ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE HOEY FINDS THE WINNERS CIRCLE FOR THE FIRST TIME ON THE PGA TOUR.

D2: FEC STANDINGS

WITH HIS FINISH IN CABO, RICO HOEY MOVES UP TO 58TH IN THE FEDEXCUP FALL STANDINGS, GETTING HIM INSIDE THE AON NEXT 10. MEANWHILE, WITH ONLY TWO EVENTS LEFT IN THE FALL, BEAU HOSSLER MOVES INTO 98TH AND IN POSITION TO KEEP HIS CARD FOR NEXT YEAR.

D3: TV TIMES

THE TOUR HEADS TO BERMUDA THIS WEEK FOR THE BUTTERFIELD BERMUDA CHAMPIONSHIP. WITH ONLY TWO EVENTS LEFT IN THE FALL, PLAYERS OUTSIDE THE TOP 100 ARE SEARCHING FOR A GOOD RESULT IN BERMUDA TO EARN THEIR CARD FOR 2026.

D4: TEE IT UP SCHWAB

ALSO THIS WEEK, PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS CONCLUDES IN PHOENIX WHERE A SEASON LONG CHAMPION WILL BE CROWNED AT THE CHARLES SCHWAB CUP CHAMPIONSHIP

SITTING AT NUMBER ONE ON THE POINTS LIST, NEW ZEALAND'S STEVEN ALKER GOES INTO THE WEEK WITH 2 WINS UNDER HIS BELT FOR THIS SEASON. THE 2-TIME CHARLES SCHWAB CUP CHAMPION IS LOOKING TO WIN HIS SECOND-IN-A-ROW, AND THIRD OVERALL

LOOKING TO SECURE HIS FIRST CUP, IS MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ. LEADING THE TOUR IN PUTTING AVERAGE AND MOST WINS THIS SEASON, JIMENEZ LOOKS TO SECURE THE CUP FOR WIN NUMBER 5.

WITH 6 TOP 10'S THIS SEASON, NUMBER 17 ON THE POINTS LIST, STEVE FLESCH LOOKS TO CAPTURE HIS FIRST WIN SINCE 2023 AT THE SEASON FINALE.

D5: STEVE FLESCH FEATURE

FLESCH'S CURRENT STATUS ON PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS, IS A LONG ROAD CONSIDERING HIS EARLY PATH TO MAKING IT ON THE PGA TOUR.

ANNC: Steve Flesch is a man who has got to make a big move. He is our leader and he is trying to move his way up the money list. Number 24.

FLESCH: If I didn't play well that week, I was going back to Q-School, which I had no success in seven years. I needed to win to get my card because at that time, I think only the top 15 got PGA tour cards.

ANNC: Four stroke lead as a Nike Tour Championship record. Got himself in terrific shape.

FLESCH: If I had never won that event, I don't know what I would be doing right now. I can't say I'd still be playing professional golf. I didn't know if it was in the cards.

ANNC: So Steve Flush finishes this championship at double figures at ten under par. A Nike Tour Championship tournament scoring record.

FLESCH: It was the biggest win of my career, including all my tour wins and Champions Tour wins and everything. For seven years, I played the Asian Tour for five years, played mini tours, kept going to Q School in October, bombing out in the second stage of that, not even getting to the finals, wondering, am I good enough? Should I keep going? Should I use my marketing degree I got? You know, what's the plan here? And I kept thinking, you know, I know I got more in me, I know I can play better. I just was persistent. Once you give up that dream, it's hard to jump back in. So I just kept plugging along and got my PGA TOUR card for 1998 and never lost it for, geez, 15 years. So I was pretty proud of that. But that was the biggest way in my career.

PRODUCER: What were those emotions like?

FLESCH: Relief. You know, you worry like, am I just not good enough? What's going on, what's holding me back? And most of it's usually mental at that point of the game. So it was just a tremendous amount of relief. But then immediately it went to yeah, I got through this Nike tour, but now am I going to be good enough for the PGA TOUR? So I prove a lot to myself that week that I could do it.

PRODUCER: Do you remember how you celebrated?

FLESCH: Yeah. We were driving home back to Cincinnati that night. I think we had a really good burger at Wendy's. It was just elation. You know, just. It's a lot. A lot of hard work. A lot, a lot of tears, a lot of, you know, self-doubt, you know, proving to yourself that, you know, you finally got to another level that night or that week. So it was a lot of happiness. My parents were there watching that week. My mom is my biggest fan. My dad, you know, was just my greatest supporter, you know. They went through with me and a lot of times with me growing up, when my parents were there, I was trying extra hard, you know, not only to perform well for them, but just, you know, he was level headed. 00;02;11;02 - 00;02;34;11 Unknown

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