

2026 PGA TOUR THE CUT: WM Phoenix Open

A1- 16<sup>th</sup> HOLE HYPE

ANNC: The loudest hole in golf!

ANNC: The par 3 16th.

ANNC: This has got some loud to it.

NATS: Woo!

ANNC: Sam Ryder taking it right at it, talk to me! Come on!

A2 – TITLES

A3 – SEGUE TO GRIFFIN

NATS: Life's a movie!

**IN THE FIELD THIS WEEK, TAKING ON TPC SCOTTSDALE AND THE AMPLIFIED 16TH HOLE IS BEN GRIFFIN, COMING OFF A THREE WIN SEASON AFTER OVERCOMING MANY ADVERSITIES.**

A4- BEN GRIFFIN JOURNEY FEATURE

PRODUCER: How would you describe your season, how would you describe it if you gave it a headline?

BEN GRIFFIN: I'd say breakthrough.

ANNC: Ben Griffin here's a guy who's really come on the scene this year.

ANNC: His dream comes true!

ANNC: He's a winner now twice in the last month on the PGA TOUR ...

ANNC: The Ryder Cup upcoming ... he's going to be on the team.

ANNC: Ben Griffin, you've made it all the way back.

BEN GRIFFIN: It's crazy to look back four years ago. I mean, \$17,000 in credit card debt and not really sure what my trajectory in life was looking like.

ANNC: He was so distraught with the trajectory of his career and his game a few short years ago, he stepped away and was working as a mortgage investment banker in North Carolina.

BEN GRIFFIN: It was honestly a great time for me to take a step back and think about really what my life goals were, and had to figure out some things. Working is not the same as golf, you're not your own boss anymore.

BEN GRIFFIN: It was so strange figuring out what was going on, my grandpa had been battling with his health. When he passed away and his quote was "Hit them long and straight," it kind of hit me hard when I was going to work. I wasn't even thinking about golf much at all. I didn't want to play golf, I was burned out. Seeing that and then accidentally driving to the golf course, a lot of that stuff made me think, and laying in bed every night, like maybe I need to chase this dream.

BEN GRIFFIN: I played in a member guest at the same course they have the Price Cutter Korn ferry event and those guys were like, you've got to come back in a month and do the Monday qualifier. I'm like, I'm not in golf mode, really just thinking about work. They're like, no, we're going to pay for your flight, you're coming. Came. Ended up Monday qualifying, ended up playing in the event and they're like you've got to play professional golf again.

ANNC: Decided to get back to Q-School with some funds from friends and family and a sponsorship.

BEN GRIFFIN: Kind of realized what I needed to do to be really good in this sport and when I first turned professional I don't necessarily know if I had that same mindset, and I think having that time off, away, gave me some perspective, and certainly helped from a mental standpoint, of just mental health, getting away from golf for awhile, it's what I tried to chase my entire life, it was my dream for 20 years, then I take a complete step back for three months and that was so healthy looking back on it.

ANNC: 25-year-old from Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

ANNC: And this is a player that I think just needed his PGA TOUR card, I think he'll win on the PGA TOUR.

SOT: I had a lot of really top finishes, good, good seasons on the PGA tour without winning. I felt like it was kind of only a matter of time.

SOT: And I'd been battling this quad tendonitis kind of in the off season, end of the season, where if I put weight on my left side, at any given moment, it could even flare up. So that's why I hired a physio, hired Derek Schmidt, and I'd been working with Randy Myers as a strength coach. / After working with Derek, he was like, dude we got to strengthen around your knee as fast as possible, we've got to get you stronger, a stronger base and everything so we can prevent some of those tendonitis from flaring up. The added benefits from it was I started to hit it a little bit further. I started feeling better. I've got to make sure I stay strong all around to make sure I'm avoiding injury and also taking advantage of my young years on tour because we know how valuable they are and we know how important it is to play really well at this young age because it's it is a game you can play for a while, but it's trending younger.

ANNC: Ben Griffin has started to actually get sneaky long off the tee, he's picked up three miles an hour club head speed this season.

SOT: I've definitely gained a ton of speed off the tee. Probably gain 10 or 15 yards from the start of the year, at least in carry distance. / Every club has kind of been a little bit further. So that not only helps on long golf courses, even shorter golf courses, just being able to almost feel like I can overpower them a little bit.

SOT: Zurich. I felt like it was kind of we felt really confident from the start.

NATS: First on the tee, please welcome the team of Andrew Novak and Ben Griffin!

ANNC: Trying to be first time winners. It's go time.

SOT: We've known each other forever, and we played so much golf that, we kind of understand each other's games. // Close friend. First time winning. // It was kind of a perfect scripting for us to both get it done together at the Zurich Classic.

ANNC: Going left to the fringe then it'll swing the opposite direction down the hill.

ANNC: This looks good. Oh he may have just sealed the deal. What a putt from Ben Griffin here at the 71st hole.

ANNC: A big fist pump on his hand, Ben Griffin, Andrew Novak! The winners of the Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

NATS: Kiss it, right? I don't want to kiss you.

ANNC: It has been a lot of fun to watch the rise of Ben Griffin. Here's a guy who has really come on the scene this year.

ANNC: His name is on the leaderboard every single week. This is no fluke. He's here to stay, I'm still buying stock on Ben Griffin.

SOT: I hadn't made a cut in a major. I'd only played in a few majors before that, so making the cut at the PGA was important. Just because it proved to me I can do it, which I knew I could. It was just a matter of time. / I was able to take that what I learned there and bring it to the Charles Schwab the next week.

ANNC: Ben Griffin becoming a great player, at nine. Heck of a round of golf by Ben Griffin. This for the win. Putter goes back to the ball up to the cup and disappears. Ben Griffin is your champion of the Charles Schwab Challenge.

ANNC: The interest rate in following his action ... going up!

NATS: Get in there girl! It's heavy.

SOT: The first one just is so meaningful. But for me, I mean, the second one had a lot of meaning to being an individual event, being a really strong field, a really historic venue, a historic tournament.

SOT: My parents did so much for me growing up. They got hit hard by the recession, the 2008 recession and so they invested a lot in me being able to practice and compete. I didn't spend very much money on range balls. I was at a public golf course, and I would chip and putt all day. // and my parents, they always considered themselves middle to upper class, but I knew there for a little bit when we lost our house, when we lost everything. I know they sacrificed a lot for me.

SOT: They gave me every opportunity that every kid kind of, could dream of. And so even when times were tough for them, you know, they gave me a place to play, place to practice. It was nowhere close to any of the nicer places that any of the guys I was competing with in junior golf golfer were practicing at. But I felt like I got better because of it. / And so my perspective from that standpoint growing up was, you know, if I can practice and hit these shots off the worst lies off the worst terrain, like it's going to be way easier when I get out there on, in junior golf or in college and now professional golf. / Even though I didn't necessarily have the best facilities, I was able to make the best of it. / Most people in life are faced with adversity of some sort, and it's how you make the best of those times and continue to push forward.

ANNC: Ben Griffin is a baller. And I think Keegan Bradley loves that attribute in him.

ANNC: Yes. And everything he's done to improve his game, the strength, the speed, to see it pay off like it has for him. I mean that's a massive lead.

SOT: I feel like it's you're constantly learning on tour, you're constantly getting more and more experience, and you're learning about yourself. You're learning about how you compete down the stretch. / For me, I feel like those majors were important // just to remind myself that I am I am one of the best players in the world, and I can accomplish a lot of great things. You just got to go out there and execute and continue to believe.

**IN HIS FIRST APPEARANCE AT A RYDER CUP AFTER A PICK FROM CAPTAIN KEEGAN BRADLEY, GRIFFIN HAD ONE WIN, ONE TIE AND ZERO LOSSES. ONE MONTH LATER, HE NOTCHED HIS THIRD VICTORY.**

ANNC GRIFFIN WWT WINNING PUTT: Rory and Scottie will have company Ben Griffin / a 63, 29 under, new tournament scoring record will be his third win on the PGA TOUR this season!

NATS: Congratulations.

*BI – OVERHEARD BROOKS AT FARMERS*

SOT: Black, interesting choice.

SOT: It's hot. He's got a lot to prove.

SOT: I'm stoked. I always liked him.

SOT: All right, here we go.

SOT: This is what we've been waiting for, for an hour.

SOT: That's Max Homa, Koepka and Aberg over there. So they're all dogs. Straight dogs.

SOT: Watch this guy just walk up and rip this ball, dude.

SOT: Just needs to warm up a little bit.

SOT: Give the people what they want.

NATS: From West Palm Beach, Florida, please welcome Brooks Koepka.

SOT: He's a tank.

SOT: His traps are built, his traps are, you know, 100 pounds each.

SOT: He just kind of always had that mentality where he's like, I'm here to golf. I'm here to win.

SOT: Brooksie's jacked. Guy's huge.

SOT: Blake of the year.

SOT: Oh, God.

SOT: Attaboy, Brooksie!

SOT: Every time, dude. Come on.

SOT: I'll tell you one thing, Brooksie's huge.

SOT: He's not gotten smaller.

SOT: H'e just super jacked. He's huge.

SOT: He's eating Wheaties. Attaboy, Blake!

SOT: Oh my god.

SOT: Should be good, no? A little over. Did he go to the bunker?

SOT: He carried it in the bunker?

SOT: Wow. Holy.

SOT: What kind of carry is that?

SOT: I would love for Brooks to clean this up for birdie.

SOT: I bet \$100 this is dropping right now.

SOT: Brooks on 18. Go in there. Drop. Yep! Let's go. Go Brooksie!

SOT: That's how you do it.

SOT: He looked at me.

B2 – SEGUE FARMERS WINNER

**KOEPKA HAD A SOLID RETURN TO THE PGA TOUR, BOTH MAKING THE CUT AND FINISHING AT 4 UNDER ... BUT NO ONE COULD CATCH JUSTIN ROSE.**

B3 – FARMERS WINNER

ROSE SOT: When you start to think about some of the way this week unfolded, it really is incredibly special.

ANNC: He's been fighting pretty good on those second putts all day long.

ANNC: He has not made a bogey on the front nine on the South Course all week.

ROSE SOT: I just got really disciplined this week. Obviously, I was playing well but I just thought the way I managed my game, the way I thought about things, the way I was patient at the right time.

ANNC: That is the birdie of the day. In my book, the best birdie we've seen today.

ANNC: He's done it again! // Perfection on that front side all week!

ROSE SOT: There's danger lurking everywhere. It's the kind of golf course you get in the rough, you start sort of compounding errors. // This week, because the greens were getting firm, the subtleties of the golf course really come out and you can start making bogeys in a heartbeat.

ROSE SOT: I'd love to find a way to play well every single week, but if I can kind of find a way to hone in on the weeks that I really want to play well, that would certainly be enough for me to chase down some of the goals I have left in my career.

ANNC: Open here with a blitzing 62 to take the lead alone.

ANNC: Justin Rose, runaway victory! // The winner of the 2026 Farmers Insurance Open! // Lucky number 13!

ROSE SOT: I've achieved a lot in the game, but I've achieved a lot of it just once. So I'll take multiple of anything that I've achieved for sure would be great.

B4 - FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

**WITH HIS VICTORY, JUSTIN ROSE TIES SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS AND RYAN GERARD MOVES UP TO SECOND AFTER HIS T11 FINISH.**

B5 – WINNER'S WALK

ROSE SOT: So nice to see you, bud.

NATS: Yeah, Rosey!

ROSE SOT: Taking a load of photos, but hold on, hold on! I'll put you in my pocket for a second. Sorry. Yeah, the wife. No, I want to talk to you. All right, love you, baby. Love you. Ah, thanks doll. Thanks baby. Yeah, that was awesome. All right. Love you, bye.

ROSE SOT: We're going to have to stay in touch.

NATS: Riv. We'll come up for Riv.

FAN NATS: Hey Justin, was pulling for you! Congratulations! Congratulations, big guy!

ROSE NATS: Thank you guys.

FAN NATS: Way to break that record.

C1 - REJOIN

C2 - INTRO LAMPRECHT

**AT SIX FOOT EIGHT INCHES, ROOKIE CHRISTO LAMPRECHT HAS A UNIQUE BUILD. LET'S LOOK INTO HOW HE'S DEVELOPED HIS GAME.**

C3 - LAMPRECHT HOW I BUILT THIS

LAMPRECHT SOT: Started golf at the lovely age of, I think three years old when my dad bought me a first, like, a little plastic toy set and I just started ripping away at it, I think I played my first round of golf with my dad, aunt and my uncle. I think I was five years old, and then started competing when I was seven, so it was kind of a hit the ground running, I never looked back kind of thing.

LAMPRECHT SOT: You know, my dad, he bought me Ben Hogan's book of like the 101 of golf. I read it as a kid and was kind of like my guideline.

LAMPRECHT SOT: I like, kind of standing very natural. I'm very calm about it. And then I like wiggling a little bit. I've got this like a little twitch before I go, and then somehow on the way back, I have this like, little, I just lift my left foot up for some reason. It's like my trigger movement, especially with short clubs, which is interesting.

LAMPRECHT SOT: Looking down, looking at the golf ball through impact and ... Just something like that. It's not a bad first shot right there.

LAMPRECHT SOT: Those are like, small little weird things about my golf swing. Everyone has something different, a lot of guys have blueprints to go off of. And being 6'8", I don't think there's a blueprint to go off of. I have this really wide arc and it's great for power, but it can also be my worst nightmare when it doesn't go the right way. It's basic physics. The further you away from something, the less control you might have of it. If I'm standing this far away from the golf ball, so much can go wrong on the way to the golf ball. I'm not really using all my big muscles to

turn and my big muscles to create that power, then consistency. I'm now, all I'm doing is I'm swinging with my hands and there's a lot of more variables.

LAMPRECHT SOT: Standing closer to it is allowing my body to stay stable, and that was a big thing for us. I think keeping my posture, staying better over the golf ball. If you set up in a correct way the club can't go in certain places, and that's kind of the whole fundamental of standing a little closer to it. I kind of feel, a lot more of a structure position to hit a good golf shot. Just something like this, hopefully.

LAMPRECHT SOT: That's pretty good. I'll take that every day.

#### C4 – SURI INTRO

**LAST WEEK, WE BROUGHT YOU AN INSIDE LOOK INTO THE JOURNEY OF KORN FERRY TOUR PLAYER JULIAN SURI. AS HIS CHASE FOR A PGA TOUR CARD CONTINUES, HE'S SURROUNDED WITH SUPPORT FROM HIS FAMILY AND KEEN INSIGHT FROM HIS BROTHER.**

#### C5 - JULIAN SURI FEATURE PART 2

JULIAN SURI SOT: When I'm structuring my practice / putting requires the most mental energy and to be locked in.

JULIAN SURI SOT: Devin is sort of my eyes, closer to home. He's helped out a lot. // He's a very good player himself.

DEVIN SURI NATS: Little more.

DEVIN SURI SOT: From a young age, we've helped each other get better. We know each other's tendencies and most importantly, we're very honest with each other.

JULIAN SURI SOT: Yeah. It's pretty. Pretty dead on square. Square. Yeah. The first couple were just left. And I think that's the tendency with the left to right putts.

JULIAN SURI SOT: He's not afraid to be, very blunt and straightforward with me. // Sometimes a player needs to hear that.

DEVIN SURI NATS: Don't talk bad about a sunrise.

DEVIN SURI SOT: It was, you know, really neat seeing him win in Utah. And I got pretty emotional after the putt went in on 18 because I kind of brought me back to all the work we've been doing on the putting green all summer long and to see it kind of showcase itself on that final putt was pretty special.

JULIAN SURI SOT: That stroke looked really nice there. OK cool.

DEVIN SURI SOT: Our dad was a competitive tennis player, and he's kind of instilled the, the mindset and the thought process of how to compete. And it's definitely helped us.

JAGAN SURI SOT: We are best friends We talk all the time, I always invite him to play some tennis.

JAGAN NATS: Looking good, Julian.

JAGAN NATS: I love playing with him, I still admire his athletic ability on the tennis court, he doesn't just stand there. He wants to get every shot. He's very focused, very determined.

JAGAN SURI SOT: Julian was always a competitor. As a little kid, he showed that competitiveness on his own.

JAGAN SURI NATS: Oh beauty, brilliant. Very competitive he is on the court too.

JAGAN SURI NATS: I started him on tennis and he showed a lot of natural ability so I said, let's try golf he just hit the ball naturally.

JULIAN SURI SOT: I'm glad that as he's gotten older, he still enjoys the game. That's what I want to do with the game I love.

JULIAN SURI NATS: Not bad for an old man, huh?

JAGAN SURI NATS: Good playing, very good.

JULIAN SURI SOT: I've been a pro now a dozen years and there have been quite a few tough times. And, you kind of find out / who's really there during those tough times and my family's definitely been there.

JAGAN SURI SOT: We rallied behind him. I get all choked up. But you know, even when he was down, I would say, listen. I'll never stop believing in you.

JULIAN SURI SOT: It's easy to look at the points and say, if I finish X and, I lock this up but it's very easy to get ahead of yourself in this game and, you kind of got to throw out the window and go execute the shot.

*DI - TEE IT UP - WM*

**LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT WHO ELSE IS IN THE FIELD THIS WEEK IN PHOENIX.**

**BROOKS KOEPKA WON HERE IN 2015 AND 2021 FOR 2 OF HIS 9 CAREER PGA TOUR WINS... THE LAST TIME HE PLAYED THIS EVENT WAS IN 2022 WHEN HE FINISHED TIED FOR 3RD... THIS WILL BE HIS 6TH START IN PHOENIX AND HE COMES OFF HIS RETURN TO THE TOUR LAST WEEK AT TORREY PINES WHERE HE FINISHED T56.**

**HIDEKI MATSUYAMA MAKES HIS 13TH CONSECUTIVE START AT WM - AND FOR GOOD REASON... HE'S FOUND GREAT SUCCESS IN ARIZONA, WINNING THE TOURNAMENT IN BACK-TO-BACK YEARS IN 2016 AND 2017... HE HAS**

**ANOTHER PAIR OF TOP-5 FINISHES AND HE'S SHOT OVER PAR IN JUST 2 OF HIS 45 CAREER ROUNDS HERE...**

**AND THEN THERE'S SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER... THE WORLD NUMBER ONE EARNED HIS FIRST PGA TOUR WIN AT THIS EVENT IN 2022 AND THEN DEFENDED HIS TITLE IN 2023... LAST YEAR HE FINISHED T25, WHICH IS THE LAST TIME HE FINISHED OUTSIDE THE TOP 20 IN A TOURNAMENT... THIS IS HIS 2ND START OF THE SEASON, HAVING WON AT THE AMERICAN EXPRESS 2 WEEKS AGO...**

*D2 - TV TIMES*

**ALSO IN THE FIELD, FIRST TIME PGA TOUR MEMBER NEAL SHIPLEY GIVES US A LOOK AT HOW HE CRAFTED HIS GOLF SWING.**

*D3 - SHIPLEY MY SWING*

SHIPLEY SOT: I'm going to shank these first two probably, so.

SHIPLEY SOT: I've always been a very natural player, I feel like my swing's just always been like kind of how my body wants to move a little more vertical, try to keep it like simple. You'll find like very good fundamentals.

SHIPLEY SOT: When I was younger, I was not a very good ball striker, so having good tempo is really important for me to try and be more consistent, not like a Hideki pause but, you know, had time to kind of gather and load into my lower body.

SHIPLEY SOT: More like a Ernie Els, his tempo. Probably just hit a driver or two. I mean, my stock shot's probably like, is a little bit of a fade, ball is just falling a little bit to the right.

SHIPLEY SOT: I can hit like a high draw, kind of pull my shoulder back a bit and kind of get the ball turning over, hit it high, high draw like that. Then, you know, got the tee down shot for some of those tighter tee shots or when you're hitting it in the wind, just kind of keep the ball on the ground. So I like to try to tee it down pretty low. And just kind of I feel like it's almost for me it's more of like a squeeze cut from this tee height.

SHIPLEY SOT: It's kind of like that. That's probably the three I usually hit in competition.

SHIPLEY SOT: I'm really excited for my first year as a member on the tour, and I'm really looking forward to going back to some of those tournaments that I've already played. It'll be fun be at a place where you already know, like where to go and where to hit the ball. It'll be nice to be kind of less preparation those weeks for sure.

SHIPLEY SOT: You know, I got a long ways to go. I got to prove myself still. But I think I have the skills to be, you know, one of those blue chip players out on tour, but got to go out and prove it. And that's the beauty of golf. Got to go earn it.