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VO: THIS WEEK, SHANE LOWRY RETURNS TO NEW ORLEANS IN SEARCH OF ANOTHER ZURICH CLASSIC TITLE, BUT THIS TIME WITH A NEW TEAMMATE. THIS YEAR LOWRY HAS TEAMED UP WITH BROOKS KOEPKA, WHO IS MAKING HIS FIRST START BACK IN NEW ORLEANS SINCE 2019

ANNC: Lowry to push it to 10-under. Stay hot! //three straight on the backside they are one off the lead.

VO: ANDREW NOVAK AND BEN GRIFFIN ARE THE DEFENDING CHAMPS THIS WEEK... LAST YEAR THEY TOOK DOWN THE HOJGAARD TWINS BY 1 SHOT TO SECURE EACH OF THEIR FIRST PGA TOUR VICTORIES - THE DUO LOOKS TO MAKE HISTORY AND BE THE FIRST TEAM TO GO BACK-TO-BACK IN NEW ORLEANS.

VO: THE 2025 ZURICH CLASSIC KICK-STARTED BEN GRIFFIN'S YOUNG CAREER – NOW, BEFORE HE BEGINS HIS FIRST TITLE DEFENSE, WE TAKE A LOOK AT HIS LIFE OFF THE COURSE AND WHERE IT ALL STARTED...

Ben Griffin UNC Roots

BEN GRIFFIN OLD PALM:I put the shades on and it's like, all right, I'm locked in. I'm. I'm here to play golf. / I wear them for reasons that aren't as cool, but at the same time, I try to make them as cool as I can.

BEN GRIFFIN OLD PALM: If I expose / my eyes to a lot of sunlight. Basically I just see the floater. / even with sunglasses on, I see them a little bit, but not as bad because it darkens that kind of environment.

BEN GRIFFIN INTV when I first, moved down here, I didn't really have a home course. // Old Palm is an amazing.// it's been incredible. This has been a great place for me to practice. And, honestly elevate my game.

BEN GRIFFIN OLD PALM: It's actually it's kind of cool playing in the rain sometimes. For the most part, though, you get a lot of sun.

BEN GRIFFIN OLD PALM: Still got it. So here at Old Palm, I have this entire, chipping area over here, putting greens.

BEN GRIFFIN OLD PALM: Putt to the little hole. It makes a normal hole look way bigger. It's good practice. And then you've also got facilities over here. Three practice holes where I can go and hit pretty much any shot I want. So, yeah, great grass down here in Jupiter grows pretty well. So, it's a great place to practice and prepare for tour events. That's a birdie.

BEN GRIFFIN INTV: it's been amazing living down here in Jupiter. It's a great place. That's a three!

BEN GRIFFIN INTV: Chapel Hill will always be home to me. / That's where I spent almost every single minute of my life from when I was 0 to 22.

COWAN GRIFFIN INTV: Lots of trees, lots of color, lots of personality. (01;03;03) We love the town, town for a family we had two sons and Ben immediately sort of picked up the game. he had that golf bug where that's what he wanted to do. / Some kids will get into Boy Scouts, some kids will get in a different clubs and and golf was his haven.

BEN GRIFFIN INTV: my grandpa / played a huge role in junior golf and college golf. Without my grandpa, my dad wouldn't have learned the game.

COWAN GRIFFIN INTV: my dad always played golf. he didn't get excited on the golf course. He, he just enjoyed it. So, he instilled a little bit of that in Ben, too.

BEN GRIFFIN INTV: Was at Chapel Hill Country Club where I was practicing and, basically learning the game. / I started really playing golf when I was ten, 11 until the housing crisis hit.

BEN GRIFFIN INTV: 2008 was an interesting time. Both my parents were having great careers up to that point / My dad on the real estate side, my mom on the mortgage side. And so the housing crisis hit our family harder than any other family.

COWAN GRIFFIN INTV: it was a tough situation for us because immediately I had to completely scale back, get rid of the home we were in. Basically cut back on, stuff that wasn't, wasn't essential.

COWAN GRIFFIN INTV: he was smart enough to understand that, you know, his parents were struggling a little bit and, things weren't exactly perfect. And he was he was rolling with it and saying, we can adapt.

BEN GRIFFIN INTV: So I went from Chapel Hill Country Club to the public golf course Finley and they took incredible care of me from when I was 12 until until college. And it was really cool actually / I would see, see the golf team out there occasionally I would play around with them. I felt like I was almost on the team, before I even had gotten to college

COWAN GRIFFIN INTV: Finley's been the home for the the UNC Tar Heels, / maybe going on 100 years, was a public course. It just gets a lot more play.

ANDREW DIBETTEO INTV: I do very much remember, / seeing him with, like, a bucket of balls / and he would / chip the balls back to the bucket. And he's like, well, essentially it makes my practice go longer and it makes the value of these balls more.

BEN GRIFFIN INTV: So that place was able to keep me / a golfer and I embraced it. I think it made me better from a short game perspective, practicing off terrible lies and learning how to / see, and visualize shots.

GRIFFINS: This bunker right here is probably where Ben spent the most time when he was a junior. What he did with his hands and being able to get out of this stuff, it was just incredible.

GRIFFINS: we'd pick him up right here At dark. We'd have to come over here and, you know, do a little U-turn and pick him up right here over and over again.

BEN GRIFFIN INTV: When I was 16, I knew I was good enough to be / one of the best junior golfers, just based on rankings. I was on a nice trajectory to play really well in college,

ANDREW DIBETTEO INTV: you don't ever want to take it for granted that just because someone lives in Chapel Hill / that they're coming here. so / it was a pretty significant moment for the program when he / verbally committed.

BEN GRIFFIN INTV: Both my parents, went to UNC Chapel Hill. It was kind of a no brainer for me to go there.

BEN GRIFFIN INTV: And I played really well, / I was ranked in the top ten in college after my freshman fall. And then after the fall, I kind of had more of a fall off, for the next like year and a half, I had a sophomore slump and really struggled.

COWAN GRIFFIN INTV: He had to really adapt to the growth, the size, the what the UNC coaches expected of him. I believe the junior year, and the assistant coach, Andrew DeBetetto, took over the program. That was, that was a shot in the arm / for Ben.

BEN GRIFFIN INTV: He was very, very involved with each golfer on the tea And so, having someone like that was was very helpful for me when I was in college.

ANDREW DIBETTEO INTV: I think of Ben Griffin. I definitely think of short game / But just the self-belief. / it's always been there. he had an amazing career, a two time All-American / won a couple tournaments. / And obviously there were plenty of days of frustration, but he just stuck with it.

BEN GRIFFIN INTV: I just was on a trajectory of just continually getting better /And then I knew I was going to pretty much play professionally after, / because that was kind of the next step.

ANDREW DIBETTEO INTV: it's really cool // to see the journey that he was on and be where is.

[Min Woo Lee Practice Round Walkthrough](#)

MIN WOO: Hey, guys it's Min Woo Lee I'm going to break down the front nine for you. My practice round, at the RBC Heritage. so here we go. Getting a pencil from my, caddy, because I

never have pencils, and he has pencils. So I hit driver here on, first hole, we were deciding between driver and mini driver. It's firm this week, so you can see he, took out the mini driver for the second, shot, and, it was more of a safer option because the driver does narrow up, further up you go. The mini driver is probably going to be the club. Had, pitching wedge in and had about 127 meters and he was playing a little bit into the wind. I think it was a pretty good club. It was a couple short. Here was my first shot, my driver, and it and you can see that it is very narrow, and you don't really want to hit a punch shot This low, into a pretty firm grain. So, the guy could have stayed there, but probably not. Pitching wedge punch shot from 110m. Yeah, it was, you know, in front of the green, but, just tapped in, four footer for par. Mini Driver on five par five. Again, shapes right to left. So with my drive, I like to shape it left to right. So it wasn't the ideal shot shape. Hit a nice hybrid here. Nice-ish. It was meant to cut about ten more yards, but it stayed straight. Ended up in the bunker front left, which was fine. Doing a lot of random things here. Stretching, make sure I'm staying loose. Hit my, bunker shot to a foot, which was nice. Made a nice birdie. And here we're just trying out, the right side of the green here, you know, just practicing where to miss it on this green. This is a new grain. It's not as false front-y or false right. Usually there's a big hill there, but I think they've, lowered it down a little bit and it's a bit flatter, so it's quite, it was a bit more, friendlier, but there is a back pin that is, you know, over the ridge under and goes down. So needed to practice shot. Hit a really nice driver here. Landed on the green usually you try to leave it just short, into the bunker, but it somehow ended up here, and it wasn't the best place to leave it. Just trying out Something here. Just trying to hit, literally a vertical lob wedge. And it came out a bit too hot, but again, it's practice rounds so we know not to hit it back there. There's a couple new bunkers back there and, wasn't the best place. Try to hole this and ran by a little bit and here we go. This will be in the next reel well I think yeah. Day in the life of Min Woo Lee practice round. Signing some flags for the kids. Oh, always going to give it back to the fans. There it is RBC Heritage. Thanks for coming along.

[RBC Heritage Winner](#)

ANNC: Another big one// one of the most prestigious events on the PGA TOUR//Hilton Head it's been home to the PGA TOUR since 1969//

ANNC: Wow, hammers it home! That is a big-time birdie right there// making it tough on Matt Fitzpatrick...

ANNC: Gunna have to clear the fairway because they're going back to 18 tee. That's going to be his first bogey in 29 holes.

ANNC: //he has four iron in hand// very decisive. Trying to draw it against that wind, beautiful shot he's done it again, oh my goodness! // That is unbelievable for Fitzpatrick!

ANNC: Matt Fitzpatrick has won the RBC Heritage for a second time in a playoff!

Fitz Presser: Yeah, it's incredible. Words don't really do it justice. I remember being stuck behind those gates and watching the players practice putting, and now I'm one of those and a two-time winner.

VO: THANKS TO HIS SECOND WIN IN FOUR WEEKS, MATT FITZPATRICK CLIMBS TO NUMBER 2 IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS WHILE A SECOND STRAIGHT RUNNER-UP FINISH PROPELS SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER INTO THE TOP SPOT.

[RBC Heritage Winner Walk with Fitzpatrick](#)

Katherine: Oh my God, I. Matt, that was really something. You talk about staying calm,

JB: Matt we're going to go right back here near the light house and get a photo with you and your Dad.

MATT: Oh you're kidding me. Just me and you, they want a recreation of that picture. You want me to be this big as well John?

Katherine: That shot you hit. What about the putt?

Matt: You mean the what is awesome, too?

Katherine: Oh, that was amazing.

Matt: They put one in. I didn't want to be, like, rude and give a big fist pumps in front of Scottie, but I wanted to fist pump so hard

Matt: I don't know actually. Food, definitely food because I am starving. Last time we were going to try to go to this restaurant after I had finished and they closed the Kitchen. Then we try to go somewhere else, close to the kitchen. We ended up Papa John's pizza.

Stan Smith: my favorite gift to give to give to young parents is a pair of a baby Stan Smith shoes.

Fitzpatrick's: Oh. Thank you. Thank you, thank you. Those are so cute. Does it say the little Fitz? Aww that is adorable.

Nats: Next week with your brother

Matt: We had a little FaceTime. Yeah. The back of the tee. Yeah, he's very excited. Yeah. Yeah, he was pleased, too. I told him that I'm form for next week.

[Homa Series Part 2 – Putting with Phil Kenyon](#)

VO: AFTER EARNING HIS WAY INTO HARBOUR TOWN, MAX HOMA TAKES US BACK TO HIS HOME STATE OF CALIFORNIA WHERE HE SHOWS US EVERYTHING THAT GOES INTO HIS PRACTICE ON THE GREENS.

MAX HOMA SIT-DOWN: California in general is incredibly competitive. // I would play against these guys and couldn't beat anybody // and I just said, like, how often do you guys play golf? And they were like, Oh we go every day. Because at the time I would go to the golf course maybe once a week, twice a week // I remember I told my mom I was like, I need to start doing this every day. I don't remember really ever going to a golf course and not feeling the need to get better...

HOMA SIT DOWN: The backbone of my golf now that I learned at a young age, was just progression through repetition. // Phil Kenyon putting. // This is the technical part. This is the most technical I'll get. That's why I think Phil's done the best job with me is making that practice purpose based and very focused.

KENYON: Max is a very thoughtful considerate golfer so everything that he does has a real purpose to it.

HOMA: I'll sit here and do this for 5-10 odd minutes depending on the day. // You can see how the putter's tracking on the arc line. My regiment is like a ritual now, it's very segmented and perfectly like I do the same thing every day.

KENYON: I've been working with Max since '22.

HOMA: The first year // I jumped from like, 130th in putting to like, ninth that year.

KENYON: The whole mental approach to it is an integral part of any coach's role.

HOMA: The best thing Phil has ever said to me // at Torrey Pines the week I end up winning // I was warming up and it felt horrible. And I'm kind of half panicked. And I texted him like, what do you think? // All he wrote back was // that putting stroke, even though it didn't feel good. It's plenty good enough to win a golf tournament today.

KENYON: It's a fragile game out here and it is pretty easy to lose confidence quickly. His results haven't been as good as what he would have liked.

HOMA: Sometimes he'll keep me in check, I'll say Phil I think this is the problem. He always comes back with statistics and info.

HOMA: So this would be a great putting day, strokes gained I'd be over four strokes gained in nine holes.

KENYON: You look at stats that help you drive where you need to look at to improve a players performance.

HOMA: Last year was a poor putting season and I've been kind of frustrated with it. I consider myself a very good putter and I'm thinking you know not that we need to blow it all up but what is the work that we're going to have to put in, those are the things going on in my head. He comes back like hey look at this, if you make 2 more putts a tournament from nine feet whatever

the distance is you gain x amount, so you are two putts a tournament away from what did when you were top ten in putting.

KENYON: When Max can get a little more confident in what he is doing see a few putts go in I think he is going to be back where he was in '23.

HOMA: What I like so much about what PK has brought to the putting portion of // my golf game and especially the prep is there's technical aspects, but I don't remember thinking about my stroke much lately. // Even when I get too much in my head on the technical portion on the mat when I get on the course it's like I've already practiced making putts or being athletic.

HOM: It's very easy in our world, the player, to get hyper focused on one thing. That's where he is so good at that.

KENYON: Teams are important in terms of the player to get the best information to help them perform to their highest level.

HOMA: They always say it takes a village like, I don't know how you could do this without a great team.

[Drop Segment on Team Golf](#)

BEFORE THE TOUR HEADS BACK TO LOUISIANA, WE CAUGHT UP WITH EMMA CARPENTER AND MATT EVERY TO TAKE US THROUGH THIS UNIQUE WEEK IN GOLF.

EMMA: So, Matt, we know how the Fitzpatrick team came to be, but walk me through how the other team's form. Is it like waiting to be asked to the prom? Maybe you're hoping a certain someone will ask you.

MATT: Bringing back bad memories. I don't know what your prom scene was like, but I got a lot of no's. It's a loose promise at the start of the year. Hey are you looking at playing New Orleans ? Yeah, yeah. Let's reconvene later and see if it works out with the schedule. A lot of buddies play together this week, regardless of form. I mean, Billy Horschel took me under his wing one year. I was chopping, and he was a world beater. He also got guys that are in similar categories rookies Christo Lamprecht and Neil Shipley playing together. A good week this week can go a long way for them.

EMMA: And with this being a team event, what kind of strategy comes into play? For example, of two players typically play a different golf ball. What golf ball do you choose?

MATT: And even if they're the same manufacturer, I mean, the odds of them playing the same ball aren't great. Usually the better iron player you go with whatever ball he plays with. You want to see that ball taken out of the same window. And then as far as strategy in the alternate shot portion, which one is going to tee off on the odds and evens? The way TPC Louisiana sets

up, the odd holes, you let the better iron player tee off of a lot of demanding par three shots. Better driver of the golf ball have to take the evens.

Michael Brennan on the Range

VO: AHEAD OF HIS FIRST START IN NEW ORLEANS THIS WEEK, WE CAUGHT UP WITH MICHAEL BRENNAN ON THE RANGE WHERE HE TAKES US INSIDE HIS SWING AND WHY IT WORKS FOR HIM...

BRENNAN: Man, how would I describe my swing? Fundamental. I guess it's kind of where I try to go. I like that it's fast. I'm grateful for the speed. I've got great coaches and trainers that have definitely helped develop my speed as I've gotten older, I was always, like, the really fast kid growing up. I felt like I was maybe more middle of the pack, but through just the trainer and coach. Like, been very encouraged to swing fast and train fast. For me, you know, it's been pretty sustainable. As well as being fast, which I really appreciate,

My trainer, I've been working with this guy Jason Mish back home since I was 16, I think. We do a lot of, like, 3D force play data. A lot of, like, movement, efficiency stuff to see what I can do, what I'm lacking in and I feel like the 3D stuff really helps make sure like, there's nothing in your swing that's, kind of leaking power, you know? So what I can put into the ball, I am putting into the ball. You know, just kind of knowing stuff like that about myself and about my body really helps monitor things and keep things in check

I definitely like, just looking at, like, with best of all time, you know, like what they do and what they've done and what's worked. and kind of mimic some aspects of my game after them. Rory I feel like I'm always going back to swing just to see how his lower body works. I think his could be some of the most efficient movements in golf, just how he's able to generate so much power and so much speed, just kind of how the flow lateral movement and stuff like that. It's really cool to see and something that like, I'm trying to work on and have been trying to work on with my coach.

Stock driver it's like 310, 315 carry no wind at like, 75 degrees at sea level. That's what my caddie and I figure. Ball speed we'll fluctuate anywhere from mid 80s, 85 to 90 on a warmer day. I do feel like I'll try to control the height of the driver. Maybe more than some other people. Like I'll hit high and high and low. Cut it, straight balls. Rarely I'm trying to hit a drunk driver, like I was saying, but I do work a lot of different things with driver. I actually just put a new, head in this thing. Dropped it down a degree in loft, which is supposed to help with my spin number. So, it's coming out of a slightly lower window compared to normal, but the spin is dropped a little bit, so should help with distance a little bit.

But at elevation in Utah, it's helpful to get the ball up in the air because the ball will just fly forever.

ANNC: Michael Brennan goes from sponsor invite to PGA TOUR Winner. His dream of playing on the PGA tour has become a reality here at the Bank of Utah Championship.

BRENNAN: I feel like maybe Cabo or Bermuda is kind of when it felt like it set in a little bit because it was another PGA TOUR event that I was playing in, and I was like, wow, I can't believe I get to do this.

It's crazy. The last couple months have been a bit of a whirlwind. You know, I've been a lot busier than I thought I was going to be. But all, in the best ways. It's really been a blessing, and I'm excited to compete against the best players in the world. Very excited.