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A1 - TITLES

A2 - TEE IT UP

THE PGA TOUR IS HEADED TO JAPAN - HERE ARE SOME PLAYERS TO LOOK OUT FOR
XANDER SCHAUFFELE HEADS TO YOKAHOMA COUNTRY CLUB WHERE HE LOOKS TO
DEFEND HIS TITLE AT THE LAST PGA TOUR CAREER VICTORY HE'S HAD.

AND ANOTHER FORMER CHAMPION, HIDEKI MATSUYAMA WHO WON THE EVENT IN
2021 IS COMING OFF A SOLID FINISH TO THE REGULAR SEASON WITH 4 TOP 10s IN
HIS LAST 6 STARTS. HE IS STILL SEARCHING FOR HIS FIRST WIN OF THE SEASON.

AND 2024 CHAMPION, NICO ECHAVARRIA, IS HAVING ANOTHER GREAT YEAR. PICKING
UP HIS THIRD WIN EARLIER THIS SEASON AND EARNING A SPOT ON THE
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS CUP TEAM.

A3 - TONY FINAU BTS PREP

IN THE FIELD AT BAYCURRENT, TONY FINAU IS LOOKING TO IMPROVE HIS FEDEX CUP
FALL STANDING AFTER COMING UP JUST SHORT OF THE PLAYOFFS FOR THE FIRST
TIME IN HIS CAREER.

TAKE A PEEK BEHIND THE SCENES FROM EARLIER THIS SUMMER AT FINAU'S
PROCESS, SOMETHING THAT WILL HOPEFULLY DRIVE HIM TOWARDS MORE SUCCESS
LATER THIS SEASON

FINAU: What's up? How are you?

FAN: Good.

FINAU: Good, thank you!

FAN: Can I please have a signature?

FINAU: There you go.

FAN: Can I have a high five?

FINAU: Yeah! Come on man, I like high fives.

FINAU: I got to pretend like I actually got friends out here, you know? They are documenting me as if I'm important or something.

FINAU: Nice job, how are you doing?

FINAU: We are here at the 3M this week in Minnesota, at TPC Twin Cities and we are right towards the end of the season.

FINAU: Is this a 96 hole?

CADDIE: Yeah.

FINAU: Dang, the rough is actually pretty thick.

CADDIE: A touch off the right.

FINAU: I can't only practice, I've never been that way. I have to get out on the golf course and there's something about just walking and nature. Being on a course, I'm hitting shots, and just moving that I really love and really enjoy. My full attention is on getting in the playoffs and making a run in the playoffs.

FINAU: I started off the edge

CADDIE: Yeah, I'd start off the edge. Just go left center, it's in. Yeah.

FINAU: That almost doesn't even break, huh?

FINAU: The hardest thing to do in sports is being consistently good. And I am proud to make the playoffs every year and to have played in as many Tour Championships as I have.

CADDIE: You're alright.

FINAU: The course is in great shape.

ONE THING WORKING IN HIS FAVOR IS THE PAST SUCCESS HE'S HAD AT TPC TWIN CITIES.

FINAU: It's nice to be back at a golf course that you've won before. Some of those feelings start to come back, and good play and some of the memories from that week of winning.

ANNC: Tony Finau, the champion at the 3M!

CADDIE: Is there usually this wind? North to northwest?

FINAU: I mean there's been days where the wind blows here, no doubt. The year I won, it was blowing like this on Sunday.

CADDIE: All those birdies in the wind?

FINAU: Yeah

CADDIE: Nice.

WOODLAND: You good?

FINAU: Oh, yeah. Man. It's great. Just getting into the things, you know. Older two, older three are all like well into their sports. So just yeah it's cool to see them doing their thing. You got an even greater respect for your parents when you start taking your own kids around, you're like, damn!

FINAU: I have a six iron in, but it's in the fairway.

FINAU: I'm actually solo this week, so quite a different week than years in the past. We like traveling as a family, especially to new places. So Detroit's a place that my wife and kids have never been. So they'll be there next week. With six kids, it's a lot to balance, but it's amazing to have them out on the road with me. I feel like I'm living a dream.

CADDIE: What target do you like? Do you like green or yellow or.

FINAU: I like green.

CADDIE: Green. All right, let me buy this.

FINAU: This is my 12th season. I've learned that just because you work hard, that doesn't mean that results come immediately. I'd probably hit more golf balls this season. And really, I have any season of my career just trying to iron out some things in the golf swing.

CADDIE: It's close, on our way sir.

FINAU: Luckily, my career has shown me that some of my best golf has been played late in the season.

FINAU WILL LOOK TO MAKE A LATE PUSH THIS FALL, DRAWING ON HIS EXPERIENCES TO ELEVATE HIS GAME HEADING INTO 2027

FINAU: I really put work in to try and figure it out, and I've learned it's more about quality than quantity, but continue to sort through that.

B1 - BANK OF UTAH WINNER

ANNC: The Bank of Utah championship. Somebody's life could change out here today. Will we see a third straight first time winner? Smotherman has talked about all the support, not just from his wife Jessica, some of his earliest memories and shots with his dad as a little kid outside their house.

ANNC: Just inside 40ft. And why not. Filling it up!

ANNC: It's about time he steps up and hits a good putt here. This is not a hard putt at all.

ANNC: Big putt at 26 under leading by three. Just two holes to go.

ANNC: But the story, it's this man. Austin Smotherman wins the Bank of Utah Championship. His first win on the PGA Tour. So good to see that smile.

SMOTHERMAN: Oh my gosh. We won on the PGA Tour. That's insane. Just hit it just good enough today and hit some close early. Kind of took a bit of the pressure off coming down the stretch. Gosh, we did it.

ANNC: You did indeed. Congratulations. You're now a winner on the PGA Tour. Great playing today.

SMOTHERMAN: Let's go!

ANNC: That smile is going to be plastered on his face for quite a while. Indeed it will.

B2 - FEC FALL STANDINGS

WITH THE WIN IN UTAH, AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN CLIMBS FROM 79TH TO 51ST IN THE STANDINGS, AND HE'S IN THE DRIVER SEAT TO SECURE SIGNATURE STATUS FOR NEXT YEAR

B3 - WINNER WALK UTAH

SMOTHERMAN WIFE: Where are you smiling?

SMOTHERMAN Just smiling. Like in the middle.

SMOTHERMAN Hey girls! Look at this. Yeah, we're coming home! Yes! It's heavy. All right, let's do it.

NAT: We made the trophy.

SMOTHERMAN: Incredible. How'd you make it?

NAT: I can't tell you. It's a secret.

SMOTHERMAN: All right, here we go. Honestly, I almost just stay here and extend the room, okay? Get a couple extra rooms if needed. And just to not kill ourselves on the drive. And then dinner. That's going to be late.

SMOTHERMAN WIFE: I agree. Okay.

NAT: It's your time. You deserve it.

SMOTHERMAN: I know, that's our lifestyle. Though, man, it's so hard to slow down.

B4 - BLADES BROWN MY SWING

ALSO CHASING HIS FIRST CAREER WIN, 19 YEAR OLD BLADES BROWN HEADS TO THE KORN FERRY TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP THIS WEEK, LOOKING TO SECURE HIS MEMBERSHIP ON THE PGA TOUR FOR NEXT YEAR. HERE'S A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SWING BEHIND HIS RISE.

BROWN: That was nice right there.

BROWN: I don't think my swing is too aggressive, which I like that. Golf's already as complicated as it can be. So I try to simplify it. Square feet, square shoulders. I like to try to swing on one linear plane. Tiger Woods I know does this. And I'm trying to copy everything that Tiger Woods can do on the golf course.

PRODUCER: What do you like about your swing?

BROWN: What do I like? I like if that is repeatable. Yeah, I'd say that's probably the number one I like to say it's powerful too. I remember when I was working with my swing coach, my ball speed with my driver was 168 to 172, and then I added a little bit of wrist hinge. And immediately my ball speed jumped up to 180. So I'm gonna be able to have that extra gears, it's nice.

BROWN: Watch how flighted this one is. Isn't that nice?

BROWN: The big dog. Let's go. I have four drives. I have my stock, which is the drive I'm going to hit 95% of the time. Then I have my wide stock, which is me widening my stance and getting ten yards extra carry. And then I have the bomb. The bomb is nice. The bomb can go anywhere north of 340-350. And then I have the fourth shot, which is the Scotland shot, which I will be hitting that a lot this week, but each one varies in trajectory. They're super versatile and it's all at the same club. So essentially I have one club here but each but I can hit four different shots. So right here is going to be the Scotland shot. All I'm doing is just choking up a little bit. It's about an inch on my driver, about that much. So right there and then I'm taking the ball down low to make sure it gets out of the wind. And then I'm swinging the exact same.

BROWN: That was nice. It's not so much that the distance is important, which yeah, it is, but it's how penetrating it is through the wind. And when it's windy, you just almost just want to get something in play. And that one is super reliable. It's going to be in the fairway a lot of the time. And it's probably my go to shot under pressure.

BROWN: This is a unique course because depending on the wind like this, this could be easily two different golf courses, like if the wind switches all of a sudden now a drivable par four, you're hitting driver, pitching wedge and like that's a that's a 80 or 90 yard difference just depending on the wind. So I think that the driver gets you around set up. It allows you to feel confident because if you're hitting every single fairway, that's going to bleed into the rest. And so that's why I think driver is the most important club in fact.

BROWN: I would say the most fun thing about being an 18 year old in PGA Tour is the amount of knowledge and just funny, awesome tips that I learned from some of these guys out here because, I mean, like I was playing with, Scott Piercey one time. I remember I saw a stat and he had 400 something consecutive two putts on PGA Tour. You know, like you would never know that until you played with him. I might think just learning from everybody out here is the most fun part about being an 18 year old on the PGA Tour. Bang, bang.

C1 - REJOIN

C2 - KFT PROFILE - COLE SHERWOOD

WITH THE KORN FERRY TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP STILL AHEAD, MORE RISING STARS WILL ACHIEVE THEIR DREAM OF PLAYING ON THE PGA TOUR. WE'VE GOTTEN AN INSIDE GLIMPSE TO SOME OF THEIR JOURNEYS SO FAR THIS YEAR.

SHERWOOD: I'm Cole Sherwood, I'm from Austin, Texas, and this is my second and a half year on Korn Ferry.

SHERWOOD: Early on, I wanted to play professional baseball, wasn't athletic enough for that, so pivoted to golf. My parents weren't golfers, so I didn't really get to learn through them. I just

enjoyed it because a lot of my friends were doing it. We played for the high school team, which was one of the better programs in the state.

SHERWOOD: A number of us went on to play college golf. Vanderbilt was my dream school. I felt pretty lucky to get a scholarship. I wasn't a very highly ranked junior golfer. Coach Limbaugh must have saw something in me that a lot of coaches didn't. So he took a chance on me.

LIMBAUGH: Cole was kind of a fish out of water here as a freshman, but he just showed right away the capabilities.

SHERWOOD: It was tough. I really thought, I got to dig deep and find something, and I did. I just kept working. I learned a lot and got better and I felt like I just improved each year.

LIMBAUGH: He plays an aggressive style of golf. He's got a gear that I don't think there's a ton of people have. He's not afraid to win when he gets going, he goes.

SHERWOOD: PGA Tour U program was huge. It was just so mind blowing to think that my life was about to take a step in that direction, and I never really could have dreamed of it. I just wasn't that good of a junior golfer. I was okay in high school and had a decent college career, but I just never thought that was actually attainable for me to play pro golf. And so it's really just been a dream come true. I don't put too much pressure on it, and I'm just excited that I can be out here competing.

SHERWOOD: Josh, say something to it.

CADDIE: Please go in.

SHERWOOD: Quesadillas are warm today. Just for your information. I had time to actually make them this morning.

WITH AN EXCLUSIVE LOOK INSIDE THE ROPES TO COLE SHERWOOD'S FINAL ROUND ON SUNDAY, THE RISING STAR LOOKED TO CAPTURE HIS FIRST WIN AT THE COLONIAL LIFE CHARITY CLASSIC.

CADDIE: Sit! Good shot.

SHERWOOD: I got it.

CADDIE: All right, roll it in. Good job.

SHERWOOD: Thanks.

SHERWOOD: Oh kick right. One kick right. I need some food big dawgl. Give me some cheese. You're good. Give me some cheese.

CADDIE: Good job. Thanks. Let's go boys. Here we go.

WITH THREE BIRDIES TO JUST ONE BOGEY DOWN THE STRETCH, COLE SHERWOOD NEEDED PAR ON 18 TO CLAIM HIS FIRST CAREER WIN.

CADDIE: Yeah!

SHERWOOD: Good work! You were due for that, huh?

SHERWOOD: What's up boys? Dude, thank you for the fist pumps all day! You're the best.

FRIENDS: Let's go dude! Congrats.

SHERWOOD: Thanks for sticking around.

FRIENDS: Great work. That was awesome.

ANNOUNCER: Please join me in congratulating Cole Sherwood.

SHERWOOD: Let's go baby.

CADDIE: Inaugural winner of the Colonial Life Charity Classic. It's pretty cool.

SHERWOOD: I don't think it'll change my life. It'll definitely change my career, though. I'll go back. My wife will still love me. You know, I'll still probably not get extra guac at Chipotle. Life doesn't change. But, you know, it'd be an honor to play against guys on the PGA Tour. That'd be a dream come true. Just to surround myself with the best in the game.

SHERWOOD: Wow. Thank you guys so much. Cheers to you guys for making it so special. And cheers for the first. Thank you.

D1 - BEST SHOTS OF THE SEASON - PART 1

PRODUCER: What was your best shot this year and why?

WOODLAND: Probably holing the shot, the last shot on 18 at Hilton Head. A four iron that I was playing 235 yards to a front left pin with the wind pumping.

ANNC: Look at this laser. It's got eyes right at it. Are you kidding?

WOODLAND: It's probably trying to make four. And, you know, five is probably not that far off. And to make it, it was one of the better golf shots I've hit probably in my career.

ANNC: Incredible. Was this shot from 204 back into that strong wind. Throw that shot in the hat for shot of the year. Amazing. And a tip of the cap. Right back to you ,Gary.

MIN WOO: Best shot...

PRODUCER: Tee shot at pebble?

MIN WOO: Tee shot at Pebble, that was really good. Especially because that was a new driver. And I didn't have the fullest confidence in a left to right wind. And it was howling off the left. The day before, I think I hit it on the path and I had to just hit a five iron off that. So I thought, it can't be worse and let's just go swing and hit a really good shot.

ANNC: Setting up way left, trying to ride the wind 190 ball speed right down the pipe. My goodness, look at that smile on his face. He knows that shot was special.

MIN WOO: That was one of the weeks where I played some really good golf, especially on a Sunday, and ended up coming second, but I was really proud of the way I played.

MORIKAWA: Pebble 18. I mean, I waited for 19, 20 minutes

ANNC: Unwittingly, Bridgman is making things a little bit more difficult for Morikawa.

ANNC: This is getting messy here for Bridgeman.

MORIKAWA: Getting a little cool, sun was kind of peeking through the clouds. I think I paced all the way to the ocean like ten times at least. I tried to think about anything else other than golf. For me, it was how do I stay loose? How do I, you know, stay warm?

ANNC: It's been 19 minutes since Morikawa struck his tee shot. Four iron. Starts it out over the ocean. That's a gorgeous shot, all things considered. Sure is. After being iced for that long.

MORIKAWA: 30 minutes later.

ANNC: And as a playful Min Woo Lee looks on

ANNC: Two putts for victory. Oh, is this beautifully playing? It's going to be enough to win the tournament. Great shot all things considered. And Min Woo starts to pack up. He knows it's over.

ANNC: Collin Morikawa is the winner at Pebble Beach. This one is going to mean so much to him. And here comes his wife Kat.

MORIKAWA: We're actually expecting in a few months. And we just started telling people this week and we said, what a better way and the best way to just announce it to the world. If I was able to come out and win. And now there's so much to life, there's so much to enjoy, and I'm just so thankful for the people around me, my team, Kat, my wife, my parents, my brother. It's, uh. I'm speechless right now.

D2 - TV TIMES - BAYCURRENT

THIS WEEK, THE TOUR IS HEADED TO JAPAN FOR THE BAYCURRENT CLASSIC. INCLUDED IN THE FIELD IS 2023 CHAMPION COLLIN MORIKAWA. SEE HOW HIS CURRENT CADDIE LOOKS TO HELP CONTINUE SUCCESS FOR HIM THROUGH THE RITUALS OF COURSE PREP.

D3 - MORIKAWA CADDIE RITUAL

URBANEK: I feel very at peace on the golf course when I'm by myself. Each week, on average, I probably spend 5 or 6 hours on a course. It might be 10, 12 hours. There's just so much to see depending on the course. And as I'm walking, I'm just going through different scenarios that we might encounter and just try to be prepared for anything that might come our way.

URBANEK: My name is Mark Urbaniak. I've been a caddie on the PGA tour for over 20 years. I've been working for Collin Morikawa for the last year. Well in caddying, we try to keep all the days the same, so we have all kinds of rituals. We're in different towns, different courses, but if we can make all the right decisions and preparations, then it just comes down to execution. That's my job. Most important,

URBANEK: Every place will always require several hours of on course work by myself without my player. I'm looking at all kinds of little bounces we might get, little nuances of the greens changing, you know, fractionally over the years. You just can't see too much in my opinion.

URBANЕК: So I'm looking at all the details, just fine tuning things on the green here. I always bring some balls out with me so that I can check certain runoffs. I know back here it's pretty flat, but this is a perfect example. Here we have a whole pin location where the ball ball just left of this flag. Here I'm just going to trickle a ball to simulate our approach shot and watch the ball just just barely trickling. I'm going to find out where this thing goes. It's going in the rough. No bueno.

URBANЕК: I'm looking to prepare for all situations. Wind directions. The firmness can change dramatically. I look at misses. Which side of the fairway is going to be better if the grass is downgraded to the grain. How deep the bunkers are, with somebody like Colin is precise as he can be with his iron play. We have to be prepared for all things and allow him to swing freely and be aggressive when we can.

URBANЕК: So I'm looking for how far off each of these heads are, just to make sure that they're labeled properly. Like this head right here is it's really 20 yards shorter than what it kind of like invites you to do off the tee.

URBANЕК: I put in enough work that I know at the end of the day, I'm ready for every scenario I can take advantage of, especially under the gun. If you're committed to your line and being aggressive at times when other players might be a little more conservative and maybe they don't have the details that I do or that we have worked on in practice. Those are sometimes just a really fine line out here, but the separate sometimes, you know, winning a tournament or not.

D4 - SHOW COURTESY