TEASE
**VIVA MÉXICO!**

**PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA SOAKS UP THE SUN ON THE RIVIERA MAYA DURING A BRAND-NEW EVENT...THE BUPA MATCH PLAY!**

**WHERE THE COMPETITION SIZZLES....AND THE CAMARADERIE SWELLS...**

**AND IT ALL STARTS NOW.**

TITLES
**ESTO ES PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA!**

SET UP PIECE
**JUST SOUTH OF CANCÚN SITS PLAYA DEL CARMEN!**

**FROM THIS ONCE SMALL FISHING VILLAGE... FAST FORWARD TO WHAT IS NOW A BUSTLING TOURIST DESTINATION.**

**VENTURE OFF THE BEATEN PATH ...AND YOU’LL FIND FRESH SEAFOOD AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE. AND FOR THOSE OF YOU LOOKING FOR REST AND RELAXATION...KICK OFF YOUR SHOES AND TAKE IN THE RAYS.**

**BUT FOR PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA PLAYERS, PLAYA DEL CARMEN PRESENTED ANOTHER OPTION...BECAUSE IT WAS THE STOP FOR A BRAND-NEW EVENT: THE BUPA MATCH PLAY!**

LUK VANDERSTEDE: Orgulloso de estar asociados con PGA con los jugadores con esta gran familia básicamente el tour de Latinoamérica.
Very proud to be associated with the PGA TOUR and the players and the whole family dynamic, and most of all the Latinoamérica Tour.

RAFAEL ECHENIQUE: La verdad que es un evento totalmente diferente a lo que estamos acostumbrados a jugar. Así que creo que va hacer una semana muy divertida para todos
It’s a style of event completely different than what we are used to playing. So, I think it’s going to be a fun week for all of us.

MUSIC CHANGE

**IN KEEPING WITH THE THEME OF FIRSTS, THIS EVENT MARKS THE FIRST TIME IN PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA HISTORY THAT A MATCH PLAY EVENT OCCURRED IN THE SEASON’S LINEUP. ALTHOUGH IT’S NEW TO THE SCHEDULE, MANY OF THE PLAYERS HAVE PLAYED THIS FORMAT BEFORE.**

ALEXANDER SOT: I enjoy Match Play a lot. I think I played it a good amount as a kid. But when you turn professional, there’s just not many events you get to play it. So yea it’ll be fun this week.

RAFAEL BECKER: I wish we had four or 5 events of Match Play every year. I mean I think it’s just great that atmosphere that we’re going to have the way to play the course is a little different you’re going to see fireworks for sure. I can’t wait! Ojalá tuviéramos 4 o 5 eventos de Match Play cada año. Es genial que el ambiente. La forma de jugar el curso es un poco diferente, seguramente vas a ver el fuego. ¡No puedo esperar!

STEGER SOT: There’s really no favorite. Anybody who shows up on a certain day can win. You kinda have to not only play the golf course, but play your partner a little bit. It’s fun because you can take a lot of risk and not have that much down fall from it.

HARRISON ENDYCOTT: Really looking forward to playing this week here in Mexico. I was fortunate enough to be in the winning Australian Cup team here, so I know the golf course. I think it’s gonna be a good week.
 **ASIDE FROM THE PLAY, THE TRUE SPECTACLE WILL BE THE IBEROSTAR PLAYA PARAÍSO GOLF CLUB. DESIGNED BY P.B. DYE, IT’S TUCKED INTO THE MEXICAN JUNGLE AND STRETCHES JUST OVER 67-HUNDRED YARDS OF BEAUTIFULLY MANICURED GREENS AND UNDULATING HILLS. THIS BEAUTY IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE TOP CHALLENGES IN MEXICO TODAY!**

**AN APPROPRIATE SETTING FOR THIS RARE MATCH PLAY STYLE EVENT, PLAYA PARAÍSO GAVE THE FIELD OF 64 ALL IT COULD HANDLE.**

WHAT IS MATCH PLAY
**OKAY, SO WHAT EXACTLY IS MATCH PLAY? ITS MANO A MANO, ITS ONE-ON-ONE, ITS WIN OR GO HOME.**

**AS YOU MAY HAVE SEEN ON THE PGA TOUR, MATCH PLAY PITS THE TOP 64 PLAYERS IN THE WORLD AGAINST EACH OTHER IN HEAD-TO-HEAD COMPETITION.**

**UNLIKE A REGULAR EVENT, WHERE A PLAYER WINS BY HAVING THE LOWEST NUMBER OF STROKES OVER 72 HOLES, OR FOUR ROUNDS, COMPARED TO THE REST OF THE FIELD...**

**…IN MATCH PLAY…A PLAYER ADVANCES TO THE NEXT ROUND BY BEATING THE MAN THEY’RE MATCHED UP AGAINST IN THAT BRACKET!**

**AT THE BUPA MATCH PLAY, A FIELD OF 64 IS WHITTLED DOWN FROM 64 TO 32 TO 16...THEN 8, AND 4 UNTIL FINALLY AT THE END OF 5 ROUNDS, THE LAST TWO PLAYERS STANDING, WILL SQUARE OFF IN THE FINAL MATCH FOR THE FIRST-EVER BUPA MATCH PLAY TROPHY.**

**SO HOW, EXACTLY, DO YOU BEAT THE MAN YOU’RE PLAYING AGAINST?**

**WELL, EACH HOLE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EARN AN ADVANTAGE. AND A PLAYER WINS A HOLE BY GETTING THE BALL IN THE CUP IN LESS STROKES THAN HIS COMPETITOR.**

**WHEN A PLAYER LEADS HIS OPPONENT, BY MORE THAN THERE ARE HOLES LEFT TO PLAY, THE MATCH IS OVER!**

**ONE PLAYER ADVANCES, THE OTHER GOES HOME!**

BUPA MATCH PLAY DAY ONE
**THE INAUGURAL BUPA MATCH PLAY GOT UNDERWAY AT IBEROSTAR PLAYA PARAÍSO GOLF CLUB. AND IN THE 32 MATCHES TAKING PLACE ON DAY ONE, MANY OF THE TOP SEEDS WERE FLEXING THEIR MUSCLE!**

**THE 3RD SEED, ARGENTINA’S ANDRÉS GALLEGOS, USED A BIRDIE-BIRDIE-EAGLE-BIRDIE STRETCH IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS MATCH TO TAKE DOWN MEXICAN AMATEUR, SANTIAGO CASTILLA ...TURNING A TWO-HOLE DEFICIT INTO A LEAD HE WOULDN’T RELINQUISH.**

GALLEGOS SOT: Por suerte en el 10 pude meter en un buen putt para salvar el hoyo y no ponerme 3 abajo. Y allí me calme y dije bueno empieza a buscar tu golf y de jugar bien y dar vuelta en el partido.
Luckily I was able to have a solid putt on 10 and save myself from going 3 down. And that’s when I calmed down and said ok find your game and I started playing well and was able to turn the match around.

**MATT GILCHREST, THE OVERALL NUMBER TWO SEEDED AMERICAN, MANAGED TO DEFEAT 63RD SEED JOSÉ NARRO, BUT IT TOOK 18 HOLES TO CLOSE OUT THE YOUNG MEXICAN.**

GILCHREST SOT: I hit it everywhere today, just everywhere. I saw some parts of the course I don’t think the designer ever thought of. But I putted and chipped it to a victory so I’m very happy about that.
 **THE OVERALL TOP SEED, TYSON ALEXANDER, WENT TOE-TO TOE WITH NUMBER 64, MEXICO’S GONZALO RUBIO.**

**ALEXANDER STRUGGLED EARLY ON, TRAILING THROUGH 7 HOLES. BUT HE PULLED EVEN ON THE FRONT SIDE AND CLOSED WITH A 4 & 2 VICTORY ON THE 16TH HOLE.**

FULL PAGE GRAPHIC :15 / Round of 64 / Primera Ronda / Primeira Rodada

**BUT THE FIRST ROUND WASN’T KIND TO ALL OF THE TOP SEEDS...NUMBER 60, TONI HAKULA UPSET THE NUMBER 5 SEED, BEN POLLAND.**

**WHILE THE 9TH AND 10TH SEEDS, ERIC STEGER AND MICHAEL BUTTACAVOLI, ALSO FAILED TO MAKE IT PAST ROUND ONE.**

BUMP 1
**NEXT ON ESTO ES PGA TOUR LATINOAMERICA…THE FIELD NARROWS DOWN TO SIXTEEN PLAYERS ON DAY TWO OF THE BUPA MATCH PLAY.**

**AND A FEW OF OUR PLAYERS HELP GROW THE GAME.**

SOT: It feels really good to give back, especially to kids.

SEGMENT TWO
REJOIN:
**ESTO ES PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA!**

KIDS CLINIC:
**YOU NEVER KNOW WHO COULD BE A RISING STAR IN TOMORROW’S GAME! AND FOR PLAYERS RAFAEL BECKER, BENJAMÍN ALVARADO AND ERIC STEGER, THEY GOT THE CHANCE TO HELP PAVE THE WAY FOR THE NEXT GENERATION, WHEN THEY TOOK A MOMENT TO GIVE BACK AND TEACH THE KIDS THE GAME THEY LOVE.**

BECKER NAT: Así sale más fácil la pelota sale más caliente y más fácil de pegar en general.
This way the ball has a smoother exit, comes off hot, and it’s overall easier to hit.

BECKER SOT: It feels really good to give back especially to kids. I’m all about growing this game, growing up in Brazil every course is private. It’s really hard to get new kids involved in the game, and it really makes me happy to try and help.

BECKER NAT: Así se para la mano como una “V”
This is how you hold your hand like a “V”

BECKER SOT: If I see a kid out on the course I always give them my ball, and I’ll try to talk to them.

STEGER SOT: I think it’s important that even if you only reach two or three kids out of the whole group, that could possibly pave the way one day and give them some inspiration down the road.

ALVARADO SOT: Yo partí a la misma edad de ellos jugando golf y lo mas que me gustaba era a ver clínicas de golf o exhibiciones de golf de profesionales quien me gustaba hacer como ellos entonces yo me veo reflejado en esos niños cuando yo era chico.
I started around the same age playing golf, and one of my favorite things to do was go to golf clinics and exhibitions and listen and learn from professionals, so I could be like them. I see a lot of myself in these kids.

BECKER SOT: I also learn a little bit with it too you know. When you go through the basics again you see other players like Benjamín, the shots he was hitting. It was so natural, I mean we’re always learning.

STEGER SO: I had a lot of fun. The kids are so intrigued by how well we play watching us hit the ball. I think they had a blast.

BUPA MATCH PLAY DAY TWO:
**AS DAY TWO OF THE BUPA MATCH PLAY ROLLED IN 32 PLAYERS TEED IT UP, BUT ONLY 16 WOULD LIVE TO SEE ANOTHER DAY.**

**WHEN IT COMES TO MATCH PLAY...FORGET ABOUT RANKINGS...IT’S ANYONE’S GAME.**

**AND THIS WAS A DAY THAT FAVORED THE UNDERDOGS… INCLUDING CLODOMIRO CARRANZA, WHO TOOK DOWN THE NUMBER 1 SEED TYSON ALEXANDER WITH A SOLID EFFORT ON THE 12TH HOLE.**

CARRANZA SOT: Jugué muy parejo en un momento me puse 2 arriba en el 7 y después perdí 8 y 9 con birdies de Tyson. Logré sacar una diferencia de 3 hoyos y bueno lo pude encaminar el match.
I played steady. At one point I was 2 up thru 7 and then lost holes 8 and 9 with birdies by Tyson. Then I managed to open a three hole lead and paved the match my way.

**FELLOW ARGENTINIAN, SEBASTIÁN SAAVEDRA, ALSO FOUND HIMSELF FACING OFF WITH A TOP SEED…  NUMBER 2, MATT GILCHREST.**

**EARLY ON IT SEEMED GILCHREST WAS ON HIS WAY TO A VICTORY AFTER A LEAD PUT HIM 1-UP, THROUGH FOUR HOLES.**

**BUT SAAVEDRA FOUGHT HIS WAY BACK INTO THE MATCH, CLAIMING THE LEAD WITH BIRDIES ON 5 AND 6, AND MAINTAINED IT FOR FIVE HOLES BEFORE GILCHREST FINALLY SQUARED THE MATCH.**

**BUT SAAVEDRA WAS ABLE TO SCRATCH OUT A WIN WITH AN EIGHT-FOOT BIRDIE PUTT TO CLOSE THE MATCH 3 AND 2.**

SAAVEDRA SOT; Sabía que iba a ser un match duro. Realmente jugamos muy bien los dos, especialmente arriba del green. Pero siempre tiene que ganar uno, yo al final hice 3 birdies seguidos y eso me llevo a ganar el partido pero la verdad que un match espectacular.
I knew it was going to be a tough match. Both of us played really well, especially on the greens. But someone has to win, and I was able to make three birdies in a row to win and lead me on to a victory. All in all, it was a spectacular match.

(FULL PAGE GRAPHIC / Round of 32 / Segunda Ronda (SPA) / Segunda Rodada (PORT)

**BUT THE BIGGEST SURPRISE OF THE DAY CAME WHEN FINLAND’S TONI HAKULA, THE 60TH SEEDED PLAYER, UPENDED THE 37TH SEED BRAD GEHL WITH A 3 & 2 VICTORY!**

BUMP #2

**STILL TO COME ON ESTO ES PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA…PLAYERS TAKE A MOMENT TO SOAK IN THE SUNSHINE...BEFORE GRINDING OUT A LONG, HOT DAY THREE AT THE BUPA MATCH PLAY.**

BULL SOT: This was a really, really high-quality match where we had to stay on each other the whole game.

SEGMENT THREE
REJOIN:
**ESTO ES PGA TOUR LATINOAMERICA!**

BEACH TIME:
**LIFE ON THE ROAD ISN’T ALWAYS ABOUT CASHING CHECKS AND CHASING BIRDIES.**

**SOMETIMES YOU JUST HAVE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES… OR RATHER THE OCEAN BREEZE!**

**AND WHEN THE HOTEL IS A MERE STEPS FROM THE BEACH, WELL THERE’S NO REASON NOT TOO IS THERE?**

**WITH THE WORLD CUP LOOMING ON THE HORIZON, IT WAS NO SURPRISE WHAT THE HOT TOPIC OF CONVERSATION WAS…**

CLODOMIRO CARRANZA: Esta duro pero bueno, temenos bueno equipo. Hay equipos bueno como Brasil, Espana, Alemania, Urguay, Colombia. Uruguay esta fuerte el equipo de....
It’s hard, but we have a good team. I mean there are other good teams such as Brazil, Spain, Germany, Uruguay, Colombia. Actually, Uruguay is especially strong...

IGNACIO MARINO: Mesi y 10 nada más! For me Messi and 10, nothing else.

**MAYBE SOME OF THAT NATIONAL SPIRIT WOULD CARRY OVER TO THE COMPETITION!**

BUPA MATCH PLAY DAY THREE: Round of 16 / Dieciseisavos de Final / Terceira Rodada

**A LONG, HOT DAY THREE AT THE BUPA MATCH PLAY STARTED WITH A FIELD OF 16 PLAYERS BUT WOULD NARROW DOWN TO FOUR.**

**ARGENTINA’S TOMMY COCHA WENT HEAD TO HEAD WITH MJ MAGUIRE AND WOULD TAKE A 1-UP LEAD ON THE FIRST THAT HE WOULD NEVER GIVE UP, BEFORE CLOSING THE MATCH 3&2.**

**FELLOW ARGENTINIAN SEBASTIÁN SAAVEDRA CARDED ONLY THREE BIRDIES IN HIS MORNING MATCH, BUT IT PROVED TO BE MORE THAN ENOUGH AS HE MOVED ON TO THE QUARTERFINALS WITH A 3&2 VICTORY OVER URUGUAY’S JUAN ÁLVAREZ.**

**SANTIAGO GÓMEZ GOT HIS DAY OFF TO A GREAT START WITH TWO EARLY BIRDIES AGAINST BENJAMÍN ALVARADO AND WOULD NEVER GIVE UP HIS LEAD, ULTIMATELY WINNING THE MATCH 2-UP ON THE 18TH HOLE.**

**ENGLAND’S CHARLIE BULL AND ARGENTINA’S ANDRÉS GALLEGOS WENT BACK AND FORTH THROUGH THE FRONT NINE, BUT BULL WOULD CATCH FIRE WITH 3 BIRDIES AND AN EAGLE ON THE BACK TO WIN THE MATCH 5&3.**

(FULL SCREEN Round of 16 / Dieciseisavos de Final / Terceira Rodada)

**OTHER MORNING MATCHES INCLUDED SKYLER FINNELL, WHO BECAME THE ONLY AMERICAN TO MAKE THE QUARTERFINALS AFTER DEFEATING CLODOMIRO CARRANZA 1-UP.**

**AUSSIE HARRISON ENDYCOTT WON AGAINST MATÍAS SIMASKI 2&1.**

**NICOLAS ECHAVARRÍA ADVANCED AFTER TAKING DOWN HIS FELLOW COLOMBIAN, RICARDO CELIA. AND FINLAND’S TONI HAKULA MOVED ON TO THE QUARTERFINALS AFTER DEFEATING HUNTER HAMRICK 4&3.**

////MUSIC CHANGE////

**HAKULA LOOKED TO CONTINUE HIS SOLID PLAY IN HIS AFTERNOON QUARTERFINALS MATCH AGAINST TOMMY COCHA.**

**COCHA STRUGGLED EARLY, THREE-PUTTING HIS FIRST THREE HOLES AND GAVE HAKULA A COMFORTABLE 3-UP LEAD.**

**HAKULA WOULD GO ON TO WIN THE MATCH ON THE 15TH HOLE TO MOVE ON TO THE SEMIFINALS.**

**THE LAST REMAINING AMERICAN, SKYLER FINNELL TOOK ON SANTIAGO GÓMEZ BUT WAS NO MATCH FOR THE COLOMBIAN WHO WON THREE STRAIGHT HOLES TO TAKE A 4&2 VICTORY.**

**MEANWHILE, CHARLIE BULL AND NICOLAS ECHAVARRÍA WENT BACK AND FORTH FOR A SPOT IN THE FINAL FOUR**

**EIGHTEEN HOLES WAS NOT ENOUGH FOR BULL AND ECHAVARRÍA, BUT THE ENGLISHMAN GOT THE WIN ON THE NINETEENTH HOLE.**

BULL SOT: This was not a given match. This was a really, really high-quality match where we had to stay on each other the whole game. We both made really good putts and took every opportunity that we could.

**HARRISON ENDYCOTT AND SEBASTIÁN SAAVEDRA FOUND THEMSELVES IN THE SAME SITUATION, WITH SAAVEDRA NEEDING ONLY ONE EXTRA HOLE TO MOVE ON TO THE SEMIFINALS.**

BUMP #3
**AFTER THE BREAK…**

**THE FINAL FOUR CONTENDERS GO HEAD TO HEAD ON THE FINAL DAY OF THE BUPA MATCH PLAY.**

**FIND OUT WHO TAKES HOME THE TROPHY NEXT, ON ESTO ES PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA!**

SEGMENT FOUR
REJOIN:
**ESTO ES PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA!**

MARKETING PIECE:
**SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 2018, PGA TOUR LATINOAMERICA ALUMNI HAVE STEPPED INTO THE WINNER’S CIRCLE SIX TIMES ON THE WEB.COM TOUR!**

*JOSE DE JESUS RODRIGUEZ WINNING ANNCE: The 37-year-old who has won all around the world, finally breaking through on the Web.com Tour.*

**MOST RECENTLY, ARGENTINA’S NELSON LEDESMA CLAIMED THE TITLE AT THE LECOM HEALTH CHALLENGE...BECOMING A RECORD 6TH ALUMNI TO WIN THIS SEASON!**

**AND FOR THE PGA TOUR, THAT’S EXACTLY WHAT IS EXPECTED.**

JOE ARCURI: We’re going in to our 7th season here. We played 18 events last year, over 15 countries, we’ve had over 100 graduates to the Web.com, great success stories, and it’s the best way for us to obviously develop the next level of player who can ultimately make it on the PGA TOUR. It’s integral to our plans to grow the game of golf globally, and this is one of the most important regions that we could do that in. That’s why we’ll continue to support this Tour and really show what’s possible in the professional world of golf.

**WITH GOLF NOW FULLY INTEGRATED IN THE REGION, MORE LATIN-AMERICAN PLAYERS ARE EARNING THEIR WAY ON THE PGA TOUR...AND FINDING SUCCESS ON THEIR JOURNEY!**

**ARGENTINIAN EMILIANO GRILLO PLAYED BRIEFLY ON PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA, WINNING THE 2014 VISA OPEN DE ARGENTINA. AND HE’S ALREADY A CHAMPION AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL.**

*AUDIO CALL: Right out of the gate, Emiliano Grillo is a winner on the PGA TOUR!*

**CHILEAN PHENOM, JOAQUIN NIEMANN MADE A BIG SPLASH ON THE PGA TOUR AT THE VALERO TEXAS OPEN.**

*AUDIO CALL: What a week in his debut as a professional!*

**THE 19-YEAR-OLD HAS POSTED FOUR TOP-10S ALREADY THIS SEASON.**

JOE ARCURI: We’re seeing just a great acceleration of the growth across all of Latin America, across the Caribbean, Central America, South America, and we’re really excited about what we’re seeing. It’s really what the Tour is all about to provide that opportunity for players all around the world and this region in particular, to reach the highest level of golf. And because those players have done that all ready in a very short period of time, it just shows how successful the Tour is and how good it is in doing exactly what it is we’re trying to do, in grow great players of golf, grow the game of golf, and grow a place for our sponsors and our business partners to get together and grow their business. The places that the Latinoamérica Tour plays on are beautiful, the competition is at an incredible high level already and it gets these players ready to reach the highest levels.

BUPA MATCH PLAY – FINAL DAY

**STRIVING TO REACH THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF THE INAUGURAL BUPA MATCH PLAY, FOUR PLAYERS FROM FOUR COUNTRIES TEE’D IT UP ON THE FINAL DAY.**

(FULL-PAGE GRAPHIC /Semifinals / Semifinales / Semifinais)

**SEMI-FINAL MATCH UPS BETWEEN COLOMBIA’S SANTIAGO GÓMEZ AND FINLAND’S TONI HAKULA ON ONE SIDE OF THE BRACKET....AND ARGENTINA’S SEBASTÍAN SAAVEDRA AND ENGLAND’S CHARLIE BULL ON THE OTHER.**

**IT TOOK 17 HOLES TO DECIDE THE BULL – SAAVEDRA MATCH. SAAVEDRA GAINED AN ADVANTAGE ON THE 1ST HOLE... AND MAINTAINED THAT LEAD THROUGH THE TURN.**

SAAVEDRA: Charlie no arranco todo bien así que me dio chance de arrancar arriba. Pero sabia que no se hiba entregar, metio muy buenos putts al final no llevaba mi ventaja pero la verdad que fue muy buena match.
Charlie didn’t shoot well out right out of the gate which gave me a chance to get a lead off the top. But I knew that he wasn’t going to lay down and give in , he made two great putts at the end taking over my lead but overall very very happy with the results.

**SAAVEDRA’S LEAD WOULD CLIMB AS HIGH AS 3 BEFORE HE CLOSED OUT THE MATCH 2 & 1....MOVING ON TO THE FIRST EVER BUPA MATCH PLAY FINALS!**

SAAVEDRA: Juego bien, jugué igual que todos los días estoy pegando muy bien en el putt que la verdad es que estoy tocando muy bien hacía que creo que estuvo muy parecido a todos los días.
I played well, I played the same as all the other days but I was putting especially well, striking it smoothly, but over all very consistent like I’ve been playing.

MUSIC CHANGE

**THE HAKULA – GÓMEZ MATCH WAS JUST AS TIGHT.**

**HAKULA TOOK THE EARLY LEAD...WHICH HE HELD THROUGH 14 HOLES. BUT AN EAGLE PUTT AT THE PAR 5, 14TH BY GÓMEZ SQUARED THE MATCH!**

HAKULA: He made that eagle on 14 and I think it was kind of due for him to get back all square because I’d stolen a couple of halves from him on 12 and 13, so didn’t really bother me, he was kind of due a one-putt, and luckily, I was able to make my putt on 15, he almost chipped it in on 15 from over the green too so glad to have made that putt, regained that lead.

**HAKULA REGAINED THE LEAD WITH A BIRDIE AT 15, AND PLAYED THE FINAL THREE HOLES WITH A 1-UP ADVANTAGE...EVENTUALLY SECURING HIS PLACE IN THE FINALS!**

HAKULA: Good match for sure, tightest one that I’ve had and had to work really hard in the end to get the win. Santiago played great most the time, and I played great most the time, and we both had some loose shots, gave each other a couple of holes, definitely an exciting match to play when you have to go all the way to the end and make that last putt to win.

**WITH THE FIELD OF 64...NOW DOWN TO TWO... IT WOULD BE FINLAND VERSUS ARGENTINA FOR THE TITLE.**

SAAVEDRA: Va hacer un match difícil, como dije todos tenemos chance de ganar, somos todos unos buenos jugadores y va a ser un match entretenido.
It’s going to be a difficult match, like I said we all have a chance to win it, we’re all strong competitors and players so it’ll definitely be an exciting match.

HAKULA: I haven’t played with Sebastián before, I don’t really know his game, so I’m looking forward to playing with him. I’m looking forward to being done after this match too because it’s been a long week! But I’m excited to be playing and hopefully we can put on a good match and see what happens.

MUSIC CHANGE:

**IN EACH OF HIS FIRST 5 MATCHES, TONI HAKULA HAD TO BEAT A HIGHER SEEDED PLAYER.**

**AND THE FORMER UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS GOLFER’S IMPROBABLE RUN THROUGH THE BRACKETS CONTINUED AS THE FINAL MATCH GOT UNDERWAY.**

**HAKULA WON THE FIRST HOLE AGAINST THE 31ST - SEEDED SAAVEDRA AND NEVER TRAILED....EVENTUALLY CLOSING THE MATCH ON THE 12TH GREEN!**

HAKULA: It’s pretty cool just to know that at the start of the week, I wasn’t even sure if I was going to be playing here, almost felt like bonus golf every day for me in that sense that I was the last guy here and didn’t have that much to lose so it was fun to be here.

**WHEN YOU’RE THE LAST PLAYER TO QUALIFY, AND YOU ONLY QUALIFY BECAUSE THE 5 PLAYERS AHEAD OF YOU OPTED NOT TO PLAY, YOU TEND TO BE FREE OF EXPECTATION.**

**AND THAT FREEDOM IS A BEAUTIFUL THING.**

HAKULA: I’ve been close a couple of times this year, had a lead going in to the last round in Buenos Aires and really fell back, barely made a top 20 so I think that was a learning experience for me. I knew the next time it happened I’d handle it a lot better and every single day I got up on the first tee in every match, I felt comfortable, felt like I could win that match, so just a lot of confidence that I had which was really, really cool to play with that.

**MADE EVEN MORE SPECIAL BY HAVING HIS DAD, TOMMI, ON THE BAG – THE WIN WAS HIS FIRST IN JUST HIS 19TH START ON PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA!**

Tommi HAKULA: I know how much he’s been practicing for this one and this is by far the biggest victory for him, it’s just fantastic!

HAKULA: He’s a decent player himself too so he can help out on some putts, give me confirmation, so it’s been helpful he’s caddied probably 5 out of the 8 events in the springs so it’s always fun, always good to have a familiar face on the bag.

ORDER OF MERIT (GRFX)
**THE TOP OF THE ORDER OF MERIT REMAINS UNCHANGED. TYSON ALEXANDER MAINTAINS A SLIM LEAD OVER MATT GILCHREST. WHILE ANDRÉS GALLEGOS, MJ MAGUIRE AND AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN ROUND OUT THE TOP 5.**

**THE VICTORY VAULTED HAKULA UP 55 SPOTS, AND IN TO THE TOP 10 ON THE ORDER OF MERIT. AND THAT’S A GOOD PLACE TO BE.**

HAKULA: This win puts me in a lot better position going in to the fall. I had a goal in the beginning of the year to be top 5 on the money list like I’m sure everyone does because that’s the ultimate goal for you to move on to the Web.com Tour and after this week’s it’s certainly looking a lot more realistic and in a better position.

ROLLOUT
**THE FIRST HALF OF THE SEASON HAS BEEN FILLED WITH THRILLING MOMENTS AND GREAT CHAMPIONS...AND THERE’S SO MUCH MORE TO COME!**

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