OPEN TEASE

**ON THIS EPISODE OF ESTO ES PGA TOUR LATINOAMERICA,**

**THE WIRE TO WIRE ACTION BUILDS AS THE SEASON ENDING SHOWDOWN IS FINALLY HERE - THE SHELL CHAMPIONSHIP!**

**AND THE PRESSURE RISES AS THE BEST OF THE BEST HAVE ONE GOAL IN MIND…A TICKET INTO THE 20-19 WEB.COM TOUR!**

**AND THEN…**

**WHO WILL MAKE IT INTO THE TOP 5 AND WHO WILL MISS THE MARK?**

Bite: The accomplishment and meeting and achieving a goal of mine is something that I will reflect and assess how I can do the same thing next year.

**IT ALL STARTS NOW… ON ESTO ES PGA TOUR LATINOAMERICA!**

SHOW TITLES:

ESTO ES PGA TOUR LATINOAMERICA

SHELL CHAMPIONSHIP SET UP

**AFTER 16 EVENTS ACROSS 10 COUNTRIES, PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA HAS PACKED ITS BAGS AND LANDED IN THE LATIN HUB OF FLORIDA… MIAMI!**

**AS THE SEASON LONG RACE HAS REACHED ITS FINALE, EVERYTHING DWINDLES DOWN TO ONE FINAL EVENT; THE SHELL CHAMPIONSHIP. AND WITH A NEW COURSE TO CONQUER EVERYONE HAD THEIR GAME PLANS IN ORDER!**

SMOTHERMAN: I think good week this week is driving it off the tee there is a lot of kinda carry bunkers that are either you got to hit it well to carry It and just place yourself in some good spots

**AND THIS WEEK BROUGHT ADDED EXCITEMENT, AS ONLY THE TOP-60 ON THE ORDER OF MERIT RECIEVED THE COVETED INVITE!**

**WITH TOP PLAYERS IN THE FIELD, TOUGH COMPETITION WAS ON THE HORRIZON AS EVERYONE WOULD BE GUNNING FOR ONE MORE CHANCE TO MAKE IT UP ON THE ORDER OF MERIT AND MOVE ON TO THE WEB.COM TOUR!**

ROZO: Se que los 6 tenemos chance pero simplemente hay que controlar que uno como jugador pues puede controlar que es pegar buenos tiros, estar calmado, tener bueno actitud y tratar no pensar en lo que va hacer la lista de ganancias ni el domingo.

All 6 of us have a good chance but I think the best thing to do as a player is to maintain control and hit good shots, remain calm, have a good attitude and try to not focus on money lists and what will happen Sunday.

**INCLUDING HARRY HIIGGS WHO WAS EAGER TO PASS THE HOLDER OF THE NUMBER ONE SPOT; NICOLAS ECHAVARRIA.**

HIGGS:I’m in a position where I could pass him and then pressure will come obviously it’s nice to be paired with him and hopefully he and I play well and are paired together everyday

**A CUT FREE WEEK MEANT THAT EVERYONE COULD BREATHE A SIGH OF RELIEF, BUT YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN ONE SHOT MIGHT BE THE ONE TO TAKE IT HOME!**

JOSE JESUS RODRIGUEZ FEAT

**THE SHELL CHAMPIONSHIP MARKS A GRADUATION FOR PLAYERS TO MOVE FORWARD AND CHASE PGA TOUR DREAMS.**

**AND THOUGH THE PATH UP TO THE TOUR IS NO EASY FEAT, IT IS ALWAYS A CELEBRATION TO HEAR THE SUCCESS OF PAST PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA ALUMNI WHO’VE MADE THAT DREAM A REALITY! PLAYERS LIKE MEXICO’S, JOSE DE JESUS RODRIGUEZ.**

**AFTER HAVING A BREAKTHROUGH SEASON LAST YEAR ON PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA, WITH 4 TOP 25’S, 4 TOP 10’S, AND TWO WINS AT THE 70 AVIANCA COLOMBIA OPEN AND THE ABIERTO DEL PARAGUAY, “EL CAMARON”, FOUND HIMSELF ATOP THE ORDER OF MERIT BY SEASON’S END, SECURING FULL STATUS ON THE WEB.COM TOUR FOR THE 20-18 SEASON!**

RODRIGUEZ BITE 02;22;23 Gracias a Latinoamérica por las oportunidades que nos ha abierto / por darnos oportunidades a todos los latinos. Creo que PGA TOUR Latinoamérica nos abre puertas para mejorar para estar al 100% llegar a este tour del WEB aquí esta el resultado //

Thanks to PGA TOUR Lationamérica for giving us opportunities that open doors for us, especially opportunities to Latinos. I think that PGA TOUR Latinoamérica gives us the opportunity to grow and be 100% prepared for the Web.com TOUR. Look at this I’m the result!

**BUT RODRIGUEZ DIDN’T STOP THERE…**

MUSIC CHANGE

**THE 37-YEAR OLD FOUND SUCCESS AGAIN, BUT THIS TIME, ON THE WEB.COM TOUR! 4 TOP 25’S 2 TOP 10’S AND A WIN AT THE UNITED LEASING & FINANCE, MADE HIM THE PLAYER TO WATCH!**

RODRIGUEZ BITE 02;23;30 Todo Latinoamérica nos abre puertas/ mas que nada es preparación / para llegar al Web y al PGA TOUR.

Across Latin America there are chances for doors to open. More than anything it’s preparation to make it to the Web.com Tour and the PGA TOUR.

**AND IF THAT WEREN’T ENOUGH, RODRIGUEZ CLOSED OUT THE YEAR WITH THE FINAL CHERRY ON TOP- A PGA TOUR CARD FOR THE 20-18/ 19 SEASON. BUT IT WAS HERE ON PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA’S FAIRWAYS, THAT STARTED IT ALL!**

Rodriguez bite: 02;23;37 Yo estoy muy agradecido con toda la gente que hace posible los eventos en Latinoamérica porque gracias a ellos tenemos posibilidades de poder llegar al PGA TOUR que es el sueño de todos golfistas.

I’m so thankful for everyone that makes events in Latin America happen because thanks to them there are opportunities to make it to the PGA TOUR which is every golfers dream.

**FIRST ROUND RECAP – 2018 SHELL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**WITH WEB.COM TOUR STATUS FOR NEXT SEASON ON THE LINE, PLAYERS WEREN’T AFRIAD TO MAKE A STATEMENT DURING THE OPENING ROUND OF THE SHELL CHAMPIONSHIP.**

**ONE OF THEM WAS SPAIN’S MARIO GALIANO AGUILAR, WHO FINISHED WITH AN EAGLE AND TWO BIRDIES. LOOKING FOR HIS MAIDEN VICTORY, THE ROOKIE SITS 37TH ON THE ORDER OF MERIT AFTER FOUR TOP-10S THIS SEASON.**

**BRAZIL’S ALEXANDRE ROCHA POSLISHED OFF THREE CONSECTUTIVE BIRDIES, ON HIS FINAL THREE HOLES, FOR A 5-UNDER 67. TIED FOR SECOND, WHILE FOUR OTHERS MATCHED ROCHA’S SCORE INCLUDING ARGENTINA’S TANO GOYA.**

MUSIC CHANGE

**IN JUST FIVE STARTS THIS SEASON, GOYA FINISHED TOP-25 OR BETTER. MOVING HIM INTO THE 30TH SPOT ON THE ORDER OF MERIT AND PUNCHING A TICKET TO MIAMI FOR THE FIRST TIME.**

Goya SPN INT – Para me venir hasta acá es un premio, como te dije antes volví a mi casa en Argentina y no sabía muy bien lo que iba hacer. Hoy estoy acá jugando con los mejores 60 de Latinoamérica en una cancha impresionante en un lugar increíble.

Goya Int - “Being here is a prize as I said a few weeks back. Two or three months ago, I came back home to Argentina, and I didn’t really know at the time what I was going to do. Now I’m here playing as one of the top-60 on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica on a world-class course and venue.

**LOOKING FOR HIS SECOND WIN THIS SEASON, MIAMI BEACH NATIVE, MICHAEL BUTTACAVOLI, FINISHED THE DAY ON TOP OF A TIGHT LEADERBOARD BY ONE SHOT. A WIN THIS WEEK WOULD MEAN THE LOCAL FAVORITE WOULD BREAK INTO THE TOP-5 FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS CAREER.**

Buttacavoli Int – 01:46:15 Doral has been a part of my life for a long time. I’ve played junior tournaments at Doral since I was 4 years old the only way I gain anything this week as far as the money list goes or moving up in tour’s is if I win. that’s the goal build a little momentum or rhythm and if Sunday I have a chance to win and to into that situation than that’s a bonus.

BUMP #1

**UP NEXT ON ESTO ES PGA TOUR LATINOAMERICA….**

**WE MEET AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN WHO’S FOUND A CUSHY SPOT ON THE ORDER OF MERIT**

SMOTHERMAN: This year going into the final event number 3 is a goal of mine.

**AND THEN.. THE CHASE CONTINUES AS THE ACTION UNFOLDS DURING THE SECOND ROUND OF THE SHELL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**ALL THAT AND MORE NEXT!**

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**ISIDRO BENITEZ MINI**

**LAST MONTH, HISTORY WAS MADE ON PGA TOUR LATINOAMERICA, WHEN MEXICO’S ISIDRO BENITEZ LIFTED HIS FIRST TROPHY AS A PROFESSIONAL.**

*Benitez 18 Walk Nats – De Mexico Isidro Benitez!*

02;43;52 Desde que me pare en el primer hoyo me sentí super cómodo. Deje que fullera el golf que traía y que tuviera que pasar lo que tenía que pasar.

Ever since I set foot on the 1st hole I felt comfortable. I just trusted my game and let happen what was going to happen.

**WITH HIS VICTORY -- THE 19-YEAR OLD BECAME THE YOUNGEST WINNER IN TOUR HISTORY! AND HIS FLAWLESS PERFORMANCE EARNED HIM A SPOT IN 2019’S, THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP IN NORTHERN IRELAND.**

02;44;10 Si no ganaba, alguien más iba ganar y hubiera estado feliz por qué iba ir al Open y me toco a mi esta ves

02;45;28 Es el torneo que mas ganas tengo de jugar después del Masters es un sueño que se va hacer realidad y estoy muy muy contento de poder a llevar lo a Cabo hoy

If I wasn't the winner someone else would've and I would've been just as happy for him because he would've been able to go to the Open, but this time it was me

That's the event that I've most wanted to play after the Masters of course, it's a dream come true and I'm so excited to be able to take this home to Cabo.

**THE MEXICAN TEENAGER JUMPED 70 POSITIONS IN THE ORDER OF MERIT – PUNCHING ANOTHER IMPORTANT TICKET -- THIS TIME TO MIAMI, FLORIDA FOR THE SEASON ENDING SHELL CHAMPIONSHIP.**

02;47;14 Creo que voy creciendo mucho mi golf a crecido mucho me a madurado mucho como jugador //02;48;26 La verdad estoy muy contento con migo con todo mi equipo de trabajo con mis padres mis hermanos de echo i hermano juega PGA TOUR Latinoamérica con migo de echo eso lo hace más divertido.

I think my game has grown a lot I've matured a lot a player. The truth is I'm very happy with myself, my team, my parents, my brothers, in fact my brother plays with me on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica so it makes it that much more fun.

02;49;24 Tengo 19 años casi cumplo 20  en enero y estoy muy muy contento de tener este logro. Igual soy el mas joven de ganar un torneo profesional en México entonce estoy feliz!

I’m 19 years old I’ll be 20 in January and I’m really happy to have achieved this. I’m also the youngest player to have won a professional event in Mexico, I’m happy!

**ONWARD AND UPWARD.**

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN LOOKS BACK ON HIS 2017 PERFORMANCE AT THE SHELL CHAMPIONSHIP**

SOT: Last year I was able to play my way into kinda the final group. You know to have a chance to win I had a twelve-footer to force the playoffs and kinda change the year couldn’t sneak into the top 10.

**SMOTHERMAN’S SOPHOMORE SEASON WAS NOTHING SHORT OF IMPRESSIVE - WITH SEVEN BIRDIES, SMOTHERMAN** **BROKE THROUGH A TIGHTLY BUNCHED LEADERBOARD WITH A FINAL ROUND 65 FOR HIS MAIDEN VICTORY –**

SOT: I really didn’t think I was going to shoot any other score, I just had to keep playing my game.

**AFTER TAKING HOME THE 59 ABIERTO MEXICANO DE GOLF TITLE, THE 24-YEAR-OLD EARNED HIS 5TH TOP 10 OF THE SEASON WITH A 7TH PLACE FINISH AT THE 113TH VISA OPEN DE ARGENTINA.**

Annc: “Austin Smotherman!”

**REACHING HIS SEASON LONG ACHIVEMENT WAS KEY TO UNLOCKING THIRD PLACE ON THE ORDER OF MERIT.**

SOT: You know this year going into the final event number 3 is a goal of mine at the start of the year and I have a chance.

**ROUND 2 RECAP:**

**AS ROUND 2 OF THE SHELL CHAMPIONSHIP ROLLED IN, ALL EYES WERE ON ROUND-ONE LEADER, MICHAEL BUTTACAVOLI. THE MIAMI NATIVE CARRIED HIS LASER FOCUS ON TO DAY 2 TO CLOSE AN IMPRESSIVE 7 UNDER 65.**

Buttacavoli SOT: A bit of a crazy round. I putted well again which helped. I got into a little trouble early and had a big par save on three and then really got things going with a big drive on 4. There’s 36 more holes to go and I’ll try to play the same way that I played those 1st 36.

**CARDING THREE EAGLES DURING HIS ROUND SURPRISED EVEN BUTTACAVOLI, BUT THE 30-YEAR OLD WOULD SECURE THAT TOP SPOT ON THE LEADER BOARD FOR THE SECOND DAY IN A ROW.**

Buttacavoli SOT: It definitely doesn’t happen often. The eagle on 18 was a bonus and that was a great way to finish the round.

MUSIC CHANGE

**BUT BUTTACAVOLI WASN’T THE ONLY ONE WITH HIS EYE ON THE PRIZE AS A CHASE PACK WAS EMERGING, AND TANO GOYA, JAKE MCBRIDE AND NUMBER TWO ON THE ORDER OF MERIT, HARRY HIGGS WERE ALL LOOKING TO MAKE A MOVE.**

**HIGGS STAYED WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE, RACKING UP 5 BIRDIES TO JUST 1 BOGEYS INCLUDING A BIRDIE ON HIS CLOSING HOLE.**

**BUT THE STAKES WERE HIGH FOR THE TEXAN! A WIN AT THE SHELL CHAMPIONSHIP, WOULD INSURE HIGGS THE TOP SPOT ON THE ORDER OF MERIT AS WELL AS THE ROBERTO DE VICENZO AWARD THAT GOES TO THE LEADING MONEY-WINNER.**

**BUMP #2**

**AFTER THE BREAK …**

**A CHASE PACK EMERGES… CAN BUTTACAVOLI HOLD HIS LEAD ON MOVING DAY?**

**AND LATER…**

Higgs 01:18:02 Are these going to be tough questions? Producer: tough very tough. Ok!

**WE CATCH UP WITH HARRY HIGGS AS HE HOLDS ON TO THE NUMER 2 SPOT ON THE ORDER OF MERIT.**

Higgs: With really good play the last month or so I’ve made a climb and I have a chance at number one which is really all you can ask for.

**NEXT… ON ESTO ES PGA TOUR LATINOAMERICA!**

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2 ORDER OF MERRIT MINI – HARRY HIGGS

**AFTER A TOUGH START TO THE 2018 PGA TOUR LATINOAMERICA SEASON, AMERICAN HARRY HIGGS CAUGHT FIRE IN HIS 28TH CAREER START - AT THE DINERS CLUB PERU OPEN PRESENTED BY LEXUS. HIGGS POSTED A 4-UNDER 68 TO CAPTURE HIS FIRST VICTORY.**

HIGGS SOT: Winning golf tournaments is an absolute blast. I really enjoyed it and it was a lot of fun and that kinda spurred me on to wanting to be in that position again and I was fortunate enough to play well the last two weeks to have a chance.

**THE WIN JUMPED HIM FROM 18TH ON THE ORDER OF MERIT TO 5TH BUT HIS LAST FOUR STARTS OF THE SEASON WOULD BE THE EXCLAMATION POINT OF 2018.**

*Nats: Harry Higgs!*

**HIGGS WENT ON TO FIND 3RD PLACE AT THE NEUQUEN ARGENTINA CLASSIC, FOLLOWED BY A TIED FOR 2ND PLACE FINISH IN BUENOS AIRES. AND HIS STEADY PLAY MOVED HIM INSIDE THE TOP 5 FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS CAREER.**

HIGGS SOT: It’s hard this time of year to make a climb as I have but with really good play over the last month or so I have made a climb and I have a chance at number 1 which is really all you can ask for and was a goal of mine at the beginning of the year.

**HIGGS IS SITTING PRETTY IN 2ND PLACE ON THE ORDER OF MERIT AND AT THE START OF THE SHELL CHAMPIONSHIP, IT’S ALL ABOUT MOVING AHEAD OF NICOLAS ECHAVARRIA.**

HIGGS SOT: I need to have at least probably a top 4 top 3 finish, I am fortunate to have a chance definitely. But no pressure I would say right now hopefully all the pressure is on Nico. (laughs) In my opinion, PGA TOUR Latinoamerica has defiantly been the best way to prepare myself for the web.com.

ROUND 3 RECAP – SHELL CHAMPIONSHIP

**MOVING DAY BROUGHT THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK AT THE SEASON-ENDING SHELL CHAMPIONSHIP. BATTLING HIGH WINDS, PLAYERS CONTINUED TO FIGHT THEIR WAY UP A TIGHT LEADERBOARD, INCLUDING HARRY HIGGS, WHO FIRED OFF FOUR BIRDIES TO FINISHED TIED FOR SECOND. AT NUMBER 2 IN THE ORDER OF MERRIT, HIGGS COULD OVER TAKE THE TOP SPOT WITH A WIN OR SOLO SECOND PLACE FINISH.**

**JOINING HIGGS WAS ANOTHER AMERICAN, EVAN HARMELING WHO’S 3-UNDER 69 WAS JUST THE 6TH SUB-70 ROUND OF THE DAY.**

**WITH PAR A PREMIUM, THE 18 AND 36-HOLE LEADER, MICHAEL BUTTACAVALI WASN’T FAZED BY MOTHER NATURE’S POWER… FIRING OFF TWO EARLY BIRDIES TO EXTEND HIS LEAD.**

Buttacavoli: It’s always hard to tell how everybody else is playing when you’re out there // you’re just out there grinding trying to shoot as low as possible.

**BUT AS THE WIND PICKED UP THE MIAMI NATIVE’S LEAD QUICKLY SHRUNK AFTER SHOOTING 1-OVER ON HIS BACK NINE.**

Buttacavoli:It was a wind we hadn’t seen and it made the back nine especially play pretty different than yesterday. Had a lot of holes into the wind that margin for error was pretty small.

**WITH WEB.COM TOUR STAUTS FOR NEXT YEAR ON THE LINE, AN EVEN PAR ROUND KEPT HIM ON TOP OF A CLOSE LEADERBOARD BY ONE-SHOT GOING INTO SUNDAY.**

Buttacavali:  You always want to win, the fact that there’s that top bonus of getting into the top five means a little more but it’s more just controlling yourself and keeping it one shot at a time and knowing if I show up tomorrow and I play well then I have a really good chance.

BUMP #3

**COMING UP…**

**¡A DRAMATIC FINISH!**

Buttacavoli – I struggled with that hole all week and I just didn’t do a good job of sticking to my routine

**CAN THE HOMETOWN FAVORITE PULL OFF WIN NUMBER TWO OF THE SEASON AND BREAK INTO THE TOP-5?**

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NICOLAS ECHAVARRIA MINI

**THERE IS NO WONDER WHY NICOLAS ECHAVARRIA HAS LED THE ORDER OF MERIT.**

ECHAVARRIA SOT: Queden numero uno en el orden do merito es un gran logro

To be number one on the order of merit is a big accomplishment.

**IN HIS 9TH START OF 2018, ECHAVARRIA WAS 23RD ON THE MONEY LIST AND READY TO MAKE A MOVE. WITH A MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY AHEAD, ECHAVARRIA SUNK HIS BIRDIE ON THE 72ND HOLE TO CAPTURE THE SAO PAULO GOLF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

**THE WIN VAULTED HIM TO 4TH AND HE SHOWED NO SIGNS OF SLOWING DOWN HIS AGGRESSIVE PLAY. ECHAVARRIA WON HIS 2ND TOURNAMENT IN THREE STARTS, CAPTURING THE SAN LUIS CHAMPIONSHIP BY 5-STROKES.**

ECHAVARRIA SOT: Este año la verdad que ha jugado muy buen golf, me he divertido mucho en el campo de golf, y las dos victorias ayudan de macizado.

This year has been a good year of golf, I’ve had a lot of fun out on the golf course, and the two wins have helped immensely.

**THE COLOMBIAN WOULD ROUND OUT THE SEASON WITH TWO MORE TOP 10 FINISHES AND LOCK UP THE COVETED 1ST POSITION IN THE ORDER OF MERIT.**

ROUND 4 RECAP – SHELL CHAMPIONSHIP

**DURING THE FINAL ROUND OF THE SHELL CHAMPIONSHIP, IT WAS A RACE TO THE FINISH LINE TO SEE WHO WOULD TAKE HOME THE FINAL VICTORY OF THE 2018 PGA TOUR LATINOAMERICA SEASON!**

**INCLUDING MICHAEL BUTTACAVOLI WHO MANTAINED A STEADY LEAD THROUGH ALL 3 ROUNDS. BUT AS DAY 4 ROLLED IN IT STARTED TO LOOK AS THOUGH HIS STEAM WOULD RUN DRY. A MISFIRE ON 15, LANDED THE MIAMI NATIVE IN A ROUGH SPOT …**

BUTTACAVOLI SOT: 02:36:08 I struggled with that hole all week. I just didn’t pick a target, which is what I needed to do and made a poor swing because of it, and fortunately I was able to get away with a bogey there today.

**HIS BOGEY NEARLY COST HIM HIS ADVANTAGE, BUT HE REGAINED HIS FOCUS TO CLOSE HIS ROUND WITH A BIRDIE ON THE 72ND HOLE AND A ONE STROKE LEAD OVER FELLOW AMERICAN EVAN HARMELING.**

BUTTACAVOLI SOT: Evan was playing really well in my group, and that really helped to a certain extent. That’s something that helped push me along the way.

**AND AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT BUTTACAVOLI’S WIN JUMPED HIM UP INTO THE TOP 5 ON THE ORDER OF MERIT INSURING HIM GARANTEED STARTS ON THE 20-19 WEB.COM TOUR SEASON, JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME.**

BUTTACAVOLI SOT: I grew up in Miami Beach, which isn’t very far from here. To have all my friends and family here really meant a lot and then the bonus of getting into the top five guarantees me some Web starts for next year. That’s a position I haven’t been the two previous times I’ve had Web status.

MUSIC CHANGE

ORDER OF MERIT GFX

**AND WITH THE CONCLUSION OF THE SHELL CHAMPIONSHIP THE ORDER OF MERIT IS SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED! COMING IN AT NUMBER 5 WAS COLOMBIAN MARCELO ROZO.**

**FOLLOWED BY AMERICAN AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN WHO MANAGED TO MAINTAIN A SPOT AMONG THE LEADERS DISPITE A LESS THAN PERFECT WEEK.**

**MICHAEL BUTTACAVOLI’S WIN AT THE SHELL CHAMPIONSHIP, EARNED HIM THE NUMBER THREE SPOT…**

**WHILE NICOLAS ECHAVARRIA FELL INTO 2ND LEAVING A NEW CHAMPION A TOP THE LEADERBOARD, AT NUMBER 1, HARRY HIGGS!**

TOP 5 FEAT:

**BUT BUTTACAVOLI WASN’T THE ONLY ONE CELEBRATING… IN A LAST-MINUTE TURN OF EVENTS BY A MERE 64 DOLLARS, HARRY HIGGS FINALLY CAUGHT ORDER OF MERIT LEADER NICOLAS ECHAVARRIA!**

HIGGS BITE: 64 dollars that was it. It’s insane to think about out of the 1000’s of golf shots I hit this year if not 10’s of 10000’s that one of them was the difference.

**HIGGS TIE FOR FOURTH WAS ENOUGH TO OVERTAKE ECHAVARRIA AND WIN THE ROBERTO DE VICENZO AWARD AS WELL AS WALK AWAY NUMBER ONE ON THE ORDER OF MERIT, SECURING FULL STATUS INTO THE 20-19 WEB.COM TOUR SEASON!**

HIGGS BITE: This was absolutely something I was thinking about all year long but the accomplishment and meeting and achieving a goal of mine is something that I will reflect and assess how I can do the same thing next year.

**AND ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER ONE SPOT WAS SLIGHTLY OUT OF REACH, REFLECTIONS WERE IN ORDER FOR ECHAVARRIA, OF WHAT WAS A VERY SUCCESFUL SEASON ON PGA TOUR LATINOAMERICA.**

ECHAVARRIA: Mucho esfuerzo y mucha dedicación para lograr hasta acá y muy feliz de tener la oportunidad de subir de nivel al Web.com. El año fue muy bueno. Tengo mirar las cosas positivas que hice este año. Y seguir adelante.

Lots of hard work and dedication went into making it this far to be able to have the opportunity to make it to the Web.com Tour. This was a great year. I have to look at the positive things I did this year and keep looking forward.

**AND WITH THE GOAL OF MAKING IT TO WEB.COM TOUR FRESH ON THEIR MINDS, THE PLAYERS GAVE THEIR BEST ADVICE FOR THOSE LOOKING TO FOLLOW IN THEIR SUCCESS.**

BUTTACAVOLI: Find a friend that speaks Spanish. If you can make an effort to pick up a few words I think that’s gonna make the ordering food the getting through the airport the communication with the caddie that much easier and suddenly you can focus on the golf.

SMOTHERMAN: You get to meet guys of all different ages. You learn about just different upbringings guys of how they learned the game and you can pick their brain on how they play different skill sets and you challenge and push each other.

ROZO: Trabajo serio. Yo creo si no trabajas una disciplina todos los días y paciencia yo creo es una palabra muy importante en la vida de un golfista. Si uno tiene paciencia y espera que las cosas lleguen a su momento las cosas saldrán.

Work hard. I think hard work and discipline everyday is key. Also patience is such an important word for a golfer. If you have patience and wait for things to come to you everything else falls into place.

NEXT SHOW TEASE

**NEXT TIME ON ESTO ES PGA TOUR LATINOAMERICA…**

**WE’RE HEADING TO COZUMEL, MEXICO FOR A BRAND NEW EVENT, THE** [**COPA GO VACACIONES EN COZUMEL**](https://www.pgatour.com/la/en/tournaments/copa-go-vacaciones-en-cozumel.html)**! WHERE PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA AND MACKENZIE TOUR PGA TOUR CANDADA WILL GO HEAD TO HEAD IN A SPECIAL EVENT TO COMMEMORATE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON! LAST YEAR TEAM MACKENZIE TOUR TOOK HOME THE VICTORY…BUT THIS YEAR IT’S ANYONE’S GAME! WILL PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA EVEN THE SCORE? FIND OUT ON THE NEXT EPISODE OF ESTO ES PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA**