*Nats: (Pictures B 01:51:24): “This is a good one. What is this. Open the page. Yearbook. That is one we found later, didn’t ever know. There ya go. Professional golfer. How old were you there? Sixth grade, ’05. That’s funny. Knew it then. Professional golfer.”*

*Nats: (Pictures B 01:48:03) “YAWN…That’s good, good start, we got that on camera.”*

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**WHAT *DO* WE SEE WHEN WE LOOK IN THE MIRROR, OTHER THAN A REFLECTION OF OURSELVES?**

**WELL, XANDER SHAUFFLE HAS SPENT A LONG TIME IN FRONT OF THE MIRROR, AND WHAT HE SEES IS SOMETHING… MUCH DEEPER.**

Xander sot: (01:28:23) “At a young age, my dad tried to have me sort of do a lot of self-talking, and look at myself, and really judge myself a lot, and to see if I'm okay with myself, // (01:28:54) and I think it's helped me grow up a lot.”

**THE STORY OF XANDER SHAUFFELE’S RISE TO STARDOM IS NOT EXACTLY A LONG AND WINDING ONE…**

**NOR IS IT THE PROVERBIAL “INCDREIBLE JOURNEY”.**

**ALTHOUGH, SOME *WOULD* ARGUE, IT HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE THREE SHORT SEASONS…**

**A 2-PGA TOUR VICTORY ROOKIE CAMPAIGN…**

Annc: (18pgatp 01:12:15) “How ‘bout that! Xander Schauffele becomes the first PGA TOUR rookie to win the TOUR Championship, gets a hug from his Dad.”

Monahan: “Xander, congratulations. 2017 PGA TOUR Rookie-of-the Year. I’m proud of you”

Xander: “Thank you.”

**AND THIS PAST SEASON, ANOTHER TWO TRIUMPHS…**

Annc: “Xander Schauffele has won the 2019 Sentry Tournament of Champions with one of the best rounds you will ever see.”

**AND AN IMPRESSIVE RUNNER-UP FINISH IN THE SEASON-LONG FEDEXCUP.**

Annc: “So Schauffele will lock up solo second.”

**NO. XANDER SHAUFFELE’S STORY IS A SIMPLE ONE… HE WAS DESTINED FOR GREATNESS.**

Stefan sot: (01:50:32) “I originally wanted to call him Iskander, which was the ancient name for Alexander the Great. But that's such a strange name. I didn't want to do it to him. So we // named him Alexander and called him Xander.”

Xander sot: (01:10:41) “Alexander Victor Schauffele, you know, Alexander the Great, // (01:11:48) I guess he’s just kind of a weirdo when it comes that stuff. He was just big German sergeant-type dad growing up, you know what I mean? Don't cross him, I tried to here and there, but that didn't go so well for me.”

Nats: (18farmers 01:16:13) “I told you I’m pulling everything. You won’t listen.”

Nico sot: “There was a lot of head butting. That’s a normal process you go through especially if you're so involved at such a young age, but even after getting into arguments of what they were doing, in the end, they were always cool headed in the end and managed to work it out.

Nats: (08farmers 01:44:17) “Xander: Is it hard to cut it when you swing out? Stefan: That’s correct. Xander: It was last time I checked.”

Nico sot: “If there were any arguments, or things they were working on, his swing, it was at the golf course, And when they came home, it was kind of, it was a family.”

**FAMILY. WHILE A FIRST GENERATION AMERICAN, IT IS XANDER’S LINIAGE THAT LIES AT THE CORE OF HIS SUCCESS, BOTH ON AND OFF THE COURSE.**

Xander sot: (01:05:36) “I've been brought up on several different cultures and my family has an interesting system, I'd say, the way they raised me, and it's helped me to adapt to different environments pretty quickly.”

**THAT “SYSTEM” IS WHAT THE SCHAUFFELE FAMILY CALLS “THE SCHAUFFELE WAY”, PREACHED HEAVILY BY THE FAMILY PATRIARCH, STEFAN.**

Stefan sot: (17soco 01:03:36): “The Schauffele way is discipline, respect, honesty.”

**BORN IN STUTTGART, GERMANY, STEFAN HIMSELF WAS AN ACCOMPLISHED ATHLETE, AN OLYMPIC HOPEFUL IN THE DECATHLON UNTIL SIDELINED BY A NEAR FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT.**

**HE IS THE ONLY SWING COACH XANDER HAS EVER HAD. AND HE’S BEEN THERE EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.**

Nats: (17soco 01:02:12) “I’m looking at whether he’s trying to turn it or not.”

**AND IT IS HIS FRENCH/GERMAN HERITAGE THAT IS THE FOUNDATION OF THE SCHAUFFELE WAY.**

Stefan sot: (01:48:10) “In particular, what comes to mind for the German side is certainly a self-disciplined approach. Bringing him up I told him that every day in the morning I want him to go into bathroom. And look in the mirror in his own face, until he smiles to see how insignificant he really is, and how insignificant worries are.”

Xander sot: (01:28:45) “It's hard to look yourself in the mirror every morning and be really honest with yourself.”

Stefan sot: (01:48:33) “On the French side, the savoir viva, which means actually to enjoy yourself, and to enjoy the people that you live with and your environment to the fullest.”

Xander sot: (01:28:06) “Being honest isn't just about telling the truth. It's being truthful to yourself. // (17 sot 2 01:13:38): “It's hard in today's day and age to really hear the truth sometimes. [01:13:41:690] If you want it, you can come in our house and my Dad will give it to you straight. And so will my Mom.”

**WHILE STEFAN’S GERMAN/FRENCH HERITAGE FORMED THE BASIS FOR THE SCHAUFFELE WAY, IT’S THE MATRIARCH, PING YI, WHO SOLIDIFIED THAT FOUNDATION AND HOLDS IT ALL TOGETHER.**

Nats: (pictures 02:29:35): “That is mom, mom with Xander. There’s a date on here. 95, 2, 2 years old.”

Xander sot 1: (01:04:05) “My dad plays a very unique role, obviously, with several hats, being my coach and everything else. But my mom is where the love and the support really is. I mean, she'll do anything for me.”

Nats: (pictures 02:29:47): “Ah Mom in a Kimono in Japan. That is a rarity. Look how young she looks. I have no idea how old she is. Definitely before I met her.”

Stefan sot: (01:52:35) “We met on campus at a now no longer existing University here in San Diego. // she was 20 and I was 23. And I think it was 5th of May when we went out for a drink and we married August 5th same year. // (01:53:02) There was chemistry, you know? // (01:53:18) and uh, you know, it just clicked.”

Stefan sot: (01:53:37) “She was born in Taiwan, so she's Chinese, but her parents brought her over to Japan. And so her mindset is really a Japanese mindset. And the Japanese mindset and the German mindset, when it comes to self-discipline and to certain other things in how you regiment your life is quite similar.”

**IT WAS THESE PRINCIPLES AND MINDSET THAT RAISED THE SCHAUFFELE BOYS, ANCHORS THE SCHAUFFELE WAY AND PLAYED A HUGE PART IN THE AMERICANIZATION OF ALEXANDER VICTOR SCHAUFFELE.**

Stefan sot: (01:54:34) “We came to America. // We definitely were aiming at making them globally minded, if you will. And I believe when you look inadvertently when he's on the golf course, that is very helpful. It gives him a very, very solid basis, and that was not the plan. We did not know that he's was going to have this talent obviously…”

Annc: (pgat2019sub 01:05:35): “He’s going to be around for a very long time.”

Stefan sot (p/u): “But yes, all of these elements, definitely a part of the big mix, yeah.”

**AND A BIG MIX IT IS: FROM THE GREENSPACES OF STUTTGART… AND THE BUSY STREETS OF TOKYO… TO THE JAGGED COASTLINE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.**

Xander sot: (01:14:46) “I'm the only natural born citizen in the family, so I realized how cool it is to be an American just when, you know when my dad became an American citizen, and my mom did, and sort of the emotion that overcame them. // (17 sot 1 01:04:37) Now that I'm old enough to understand how family dynamics work, I know that he wanted, a very tight knit family. And so that's what we are now.”

**ROUNDING OUT THE TIGHT-KNIT HOUSEHOLD IS BROTHER NICO. THREE YEARS XANDER’S SENIOR, NICO ALSO HAILS FROM STUTTGART AND IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE FAMILY DYNAMIC.**

Xander sot: (01:18:03) “We grew up best friends. We fought a lot more when we were younger just like any brothers would.”

Nico sot: (02:11:27) “I think it's like any relationship with younger siblings. When you're younger, you find them at times to be annoying. They try to always follow you and be with you. And as you grew up, you kind of learn to appreciate those things.

Xander sot: (01:18:12) “Now we don't really fight. You know that I'd kick his ass now, but I'm just kidding. [LAUGH].

Nico sot: (02:11:42) “My dad always made it a point to make sure that we're best friends. And I think he did a good job of that and we are best friends, yeah. (looks off camera)”

**AND THEY ALL FINALLY GOT TO WITNESS XANDER’S SUCCESS, FIRSTHAND, LAST YEAR IN SHANGHAI.**

Nico sot: “That was the first win and I got to see in person, the other previous ones I saw on a laptop in the middle of the night when I was in Europe.”

04:26:06 “Xander Schauffele is the WGC-HSBC Champion here at Shenzhen.”

Schauffele presser: “To my family, thank you. Thanks for being my rock and giving me stability and never quitting on me. I won't forget it.”

Xander sot: (01:29:45) “I think the only people that have seen me put all, put my body of work together From a young age and all the sacrifice and the yelling and the fights and whatnot. // yeah, it was nice to share it with him.”

**IN HIS FIRST EVENT OF 2019, THE SCHAUFFELE’S WERE TOGETHER AGAIN IN HAWAII WHEN HE FIRED A FINAL ROUND 62 TO BEST THE BEST AT THE SENTRY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS.”**

Annc: (19toc 21:44:47) “There won’t be many better rounds played all year long from this point forward than what we just saw.”

Nico sot: “He won again so I like to think that, it must have been my presence, but [LAUGH] it was nice just to be out with the family and with friends in Hawaii. And we used to live there.

Nats: (Pictures b 01:54:45) “This is a good one. That’s Hawaii, I think. That is Hawaii. The two boys, pro shop rats (giggles) The two boys. That’s upstairs. Notice us pulling the shirts out. Yep.”

**ONLY XANDER SCHAUFFELE KNOWS FOR CERTAIN WHAT HE SEES WHEN HE LOOKS IN THE MIRROR.**

**BUT AT SOME TIME, DURING THE COUNTLESS HOURS HE STARED, PERHAPS HE SAW HIS DESTINY…**

**AND HIS DEEP ANCESTRY THAT DETERMINED IT.**

Xander 2017 sot 1: (01:04:03) “My whole family is just my support team. // 17 sot 3 (01:38:53) my dad, he's invaluable,// (01:39:23) it's hard to even think about him not in my life. // (17 sot1 01:04:47 ) my mom is kinda like the loving, supporting side. So is my brother. They're there for me in every step of the way if I need to call them or talk to them. Or do my laundry when I'm home for four days, you know what I mean, as ridiculous as that may seem, it's just really the full package.”