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**Open (Matsuyama)**

ANNC: “From Japan, Hideki Matsuyama.”

LAHIRI SOT: “He's the strongest player from Asia, it's really good to see him coming into his own.”

ANNC: “An emphatic fist pump for Hideki Matsuyama winning back to back years.”

DAY SOT: “You have a guy that hits it well and that can putt well is a deadly combination for success.”

LEE SOT: “Hideki, I think, his mental game is very strong – and he seems like he is unstoppable.”

ANNC: “Oh my Matsuyama.”  
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**THIS IS INSIDE THE PGA TOUR…**

**THE PGA TOUR HOSTS ITS FIRST OFFICIAL EVENT IN JAPAN THIS WEEK, HEADLINED BY THEIR YOUNG CHAMPION, WHO HAS COME A LONG WAY FROM HIS ORIGINS.**

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**Matsuyama Mini**

**IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE JAPANESE ISLAND NAMED SHIKOKU, COMES THE STORY OF YOUNG BOY WHO WOULD GROW UP TO BECOME A GOLFING LEGEND.**

**HIDEKI MATSUYAMA WAS FIRST INTRODUCED TO THE GAME AT AGE OF 4 BY HIS FATHER MICKEO AT THE LOCAL DRIVING RANGE. AN OVERSIZED CLUB IN HAND, STEADILY OVER THE BALL, POSTURE PERFECT EVERY TIME, YOUNG HIDEKI WAS HOOKED ON THE GAME.**

**AS THE BOY GREW INTO A MAN, HIS GAME BEGAN TO FLOURISH. WHEN HE TURNED PROFESSIONAL IN 2013, HE WAS THE TALK OF THE GOLFING WORLD. HIS UNIQUE SWING AT ONCE LAUDED, QUESTIONED AND EVEN RIDICULED BY GOLFING PUNDITS, FOR THERE WAS A STRANGE PAUSE AT THE TOP, BUT ONCE UNFURLED, PRODUCED MAGIC.**

**HE WOULD JOIN THE PGA TOUR FULL TIME IN 2014, EARNING HIS FIRST PGA TOUR VICTORY AT THE MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT PRESENTED BY NATIONWIDE. HE WOULD AMASS 4 MORE PGA TOUR WINS, BECOMING THE WINNINGEST JAPANESE PLAYER IN PGA TOUR HISTORY.**

**AND WHILE GOLF HAS TAKEN HIM ALL OVER THE WORLD, IN HIS HEART AND MIND, HE IS STILL THAT LITTLE BOY FROM EHIMA, WITH THE OVERSIZED CLUB AND THE FUNNY PAUSE IN HIS SWING.**   
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**ZOZO Preview**

**MATSUYAMA WILL BE JOINED BY A POWERFUL CAST OF CHAMPIONS AT THIS WEEK’S ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP...**

**AS THE 2ND STOP OF THE ASIA SWING HEADS TO JAPAN.**

**WHERE ACCORDIA GOLF NARASHINO COUNTRY CLUB WILL PLAY HOST AS JAPAN'S FIRST OFFICIAL PGA TOUR EVENT.**

**FEATURING A STAR-STUDDED FIELD THAT INCLUDES 54 PGA TOUR WINNERS.**

ANNC: "Oh he's done it again!"

**JORDAN SPIETH IS ONE OF FIVE FEDEXCUP CHAMPIONS…**

ANNC: "And Rory McIlroy is a 2-time Fedexcup champion at East Lake!"

**AND ONE OF THE ALL TIME GREATS LOOKING TO MATCH SAM SNEAD'S RECORD OF 82 WINS …**

ANNC: “He’s not looking like it’s gonna be winning a couple more, I think it could be a lot more.”

WOODS SOT: "To be able to now have a chance to really truly chase after his record and hopefully break it one day, it's gonna be fun." [Return to index of stories...](file:///C:\\Users\\jamesm\\OneDrive%20-%20PGA%20TOUR%20INC\\Documents\\x2019%20Inside%20the%20PGA%20TOUR%20%2341%20(ZOZO).HTM" \l "StoryIndex)

**Tiger Japan Tour**

**BEFORE HEADING TO THE ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP, TIGER WOODS MADE HIS FIRST APPEARANCE IN JAPAN IN OVER A DECADE.**

WOODS SOT: "My parents have always told me that if I liked something then I'll chase after it. I've been lucky enough to be a part of the game of golf basically since I can remember."

WOODS SOT: "I've always wanted to compete against the best players that have ever lived."

NATS

**WITH COMPETITION AGAINST THE GAME’S BEST AHEAD, HE HAD SOME FUN WITH THE GAME’S NEXT GENERATION.**

NATS: "Now let's climb the ladder. Hit it hard and high. Send it!"

NATS: “She always looked up to you as a professional golfer and is really honored and she’s about to cry right now.”

WOODS NATS: “Ah, don’t cry.”

WOODS SOT: "To come back and compete, especially in a place like here in Japan is very exciting. There were a few years ago where I didn't know if I’d ever do that again, lucky enough I've been able to come back and have won a major championship along the way."   
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**This week on TOUR-gfx**

**AS THE TOUR MOVES ALONG TO JAPAN IN THE ASIAN SWING, 50 PLAYERS MAKE THE TRIP OVER FROM SOUTH KOREA, AFTER ENJOYING THEIR TIME ON JEJU ISLAND.** [Return to index of stories...](file:///C:\\Users\\jamesm\\OneDrive%20-%20PGA%20TOUR%20INC\\Documents\\x2019%20Inside%20the%20PGA%20TOUR%20%2341%20(ZOZO).HTM" \l "StoryIndex)

**CJ Cup Off Course**

**ON THE OPENING LEG OF THE ASIAN SWING - PLAYERS TOOK TIME TO ENJOY SOME OF THE LOCAL FLAVOR.**

CHOI NATS: "Bravo. Mmm…"

CHOI NATS: "Very delicious."

**AFTER GETTING A TASTE OF WHAT JEJU ISLAND HAS TO OFFER- KJ CHOI SADDLED UP TO TAKE IN THE SIGHTS…**

CHOI NATS: "Wow. Beautiful.”

**HAVING SOME FUN OF HIS OWN, BEN AN TRADED HIS CLUBS FOR A PADDLE- TAKING ON HIS OLYMPIC MEDALIST FATHER IN A GAME OF TABLE TENNIS…**

AN SOT: "I play with my dad a lot. Every year when he comes over to US we play almost every night."

AN SOT: "This time is my first time playing with him against big spoons."

AN SOT: "When I play against him with a normal racket, if I score one point, that's huge and never score more than two points against him if he plays a normal match against me."   
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**CJ Cup Winner Feature**

**ON THE COURSE IN JUST HIS SECOND START THIS SEASON, JUSTIN THOMAS ONCE AGAIN MADE IT TO THE WINNER CIRCLE IN KOREA, SETTING HIMSELF UP FOR SUCCESS IN THE 2019-20 SEASON.**

ANNC: “The CJ cup at nine bridges is twice as nice for Justin Thomas, he is the winner for the second time in 3 years here.”

**THE WIN MARKED THOMAS' 4TH IN ASIA, 2 COMING IN MALAYSIA, AND HIS TITLE ON JEJU ISLAND IN 2017.**

ANNC: “New Season same story, Justin Thomas has won the inaugural CJ CUP at Nine Bridges.”

**THROUGHOUT THE FINAL ROUND, THOMAS AND DANNY LEE WENT BLOW FOR BLOW…**

ANNC: “Danny Lee and Justin Thomas are putting on quite the show here in the final round.”

**WITH THOMAS PULLING AHEAD ON THE CLOSING STRETCH.**

THOMAS SOT: “I knew that 14 was a huge, huge change of momentum.”

ANNC: “Beautiful putt by Justin Thomas, birdie here on the 14th.”

**THOMAS' 11TH TOUR TITLE IS HIS 4TH DURING THE FALL, MOST OF ANY PLAYER SINCE THE 2013-14 SEASON.**

THOMAS SOT: “I'm ecstatic to have another trophy, I worked really, really hard the last couple weeks to make sure I was ready for this tournament and I was glad that it showed.”   
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**FedExCup Standings-gfx**

**THOMAS VICTORY JUMPS HIM TO 3RD IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS, AND ALSO GIVES HIM THE MOST VICTORIES ON TOUR SINCE THE START OF THE 2016-17 SEASON, WHEN HE CAPTURED THE ULTIMATE PRIZE.**  [Return to index of stories...](file:///C:\\Users\\jamesm\\OneDrive%20-%20PGA%20TOUR%20INC\\Documents\\x2019%20Inside%20the%20PGA%20TOUR%20%2341%20(ZOZO).HTM" \l "StoryIndex)

**Wyndham Rewards Top 10-gfx**

**MEANWHILE, LANTO GRIFFIN REMAINS THE KING OF THE REGULAR SEASON ON TOP OF THE WYNDHAM REWARDS TOP 10 AS THE TOUR IS NOW OVER HALFWAY THROUGH ITS FALL EVENTS.** [Return to index of stories...](file:///C:\Users\jamesm\OneDrive%20-%20PGA%20TOUR%20INC\Documents\x2019%20Inside%20the%20PGA%20TOUR%20%2341%20(ZOZO).HTM#StoryIndex)

**Bump #1 (Backspin Tiger)**

**COMING UP…**

WOODS SOT: "I know a lot of people in this room thought I was done. But I'm not."

**TIGER WOODS' DECADE OF OVERCOMING DOUBTERS.**

WOODS SOT: "The most improbable comeback in the history of sports."   
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**Myrbetriq Vignette**

**INSIDE PRESENTS, MUST SEE MOMENTS.**

**LAST WEEK AT THE CJ CUP AT NINE BRIDGES, PHIL MICKELSON ALMOST FOUND PERFECTION ON THE 14TH HOLE.**

ANNC: “Watch how hard he hits this, he knows its good as soon as he hit it.”

ANNC: “Well look at this he let that one go, settle down, oh it hit the flag stick solid.”

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**Backspin Intro**

**IT'S BEEN A DECADE OF CHANGE ON THE PGA TOUR…**

ANNC: "Wins the FedExCup!"

**NEW CHAMPIONS RISING…**

ANNC: “He is the man to beat!"

ANNC: "Oh he's done it again!"

**WHILE LEGENDS BUILT ON THEIR LEGACIES.**

ANNC: "Phil at his finest!"

ANNC: "Tiger Woods is a PLAYERS Champion again!"

**FOR 10 YEARS, DEFINING MOMENTS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE HALLS OF GOLF'S HISTORY.**

ANNC: "We thought we'd never see it!"

ANNC: "This kid has come a long way indeed."

**THIS IS THE BACKSPIN.**   
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**Backspin: Tiger**

**THIS DECADE BEGAN WITH UNCERTAINTY SURROUNDING TIGER WOODS’ FUTURE IN THE GAME OF GOLF.**

HACK SOT: "It's difficult at the age that Tiger is."

SOBEL SOT: "We have to be careful about not jumping too far onto the Tiger Woods band wagon."

SIRAK SOT: "The expectations are on Tiger. He’s the one with something to prove."

SOBEL SOT: "I couldn't tell you what's gonna happen in the future."

HACK SOT: “Guys aren’t as afraid of him as they used to be.”

**THE QUESTIONS RAISED WERE A FAR CRY FROM THE STORYLINES OF THE PRECEDING DECADE.**

ANNC: "What do you think about that!?"

ANNC: "One more World Golf Championship for Tiger.”

ANNC: "There's your player of the year."

ANNC: "Number 70. Lifetime."

**AFTER CAPPING THE 2000's WITH HIS 5TH 6-WIN SEASON AND 8TH PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD IN 10-YEARS, 2010 MARKED TIGER'S 1ST WINLESS SEASON SINCE TURNING PRO, AND 2011 WAS NO DIFFERENT.**

SOBEL SOT: "We've seen him at low points over the last couple of years."

HACK SOT: "Obviously he has the injury issues that he's going to be dealing with probably for the rest of his career."

DORMAN SOT: "It'd be tough for anybody to get back to that standard of play where he wins one out of every three times he tees it up."

SOBEL SOT: "I don't know if there's ever gonna be a point where Tiger's gonna be back."

ANNC: "Tiger Woods has not won in more than 2 ½ years."

**2 WEEKS AFTER WITHDRAWING FROM HIS 3RD TOURNAMENT IN 3 SEASONS DUE TO INJURY, TIGER ENTERED THE 2012 ARNOLD PALMER INVITATIONAL PRESENTED BY MASTERCARD DETERMINED TO FLIP THE SCRIPT.**

ANNC: "In convincing fashion, the wait is over."

ANNC: "Tiger Woods is a winner again!"

**HIS 72ND PGA TOUR VICTORY LEFT HIM ONE SHY OF JACK NICKLAUS ON THE ALL-TIME CAREER WINS LIST…**

NOBILO SOT: "Some records just, it's almost like serendipity, they're just meant to happen. When he caught Nicklaus' own record of 73 wins, it seemed appropriate it was at Muirfield."

**…AND TIGER SURPASSED THE GOLDEN BEAR LESS THAN A MONTH LATER TO WRAP UP A 3-WIN SEASON.**

ANNC: " There's too much left for us not to experience some more winning ways from Tiger."

ANNC: "Tiger Woods sends a message to the PGA TOUR with a win in his first tournament of the season."

**TIGER OPENED HIS 2013 CAMPAIGN WITH 4 VICTORIES IN HIS FIRST 7 STARTS - CAPPED BY A 2ND PLAYERS TITLE.**

WOODS SOT: "Am I surprised? No. I know a lot of people in this room thought I was done. But I'm not."

DIMEGLIO SOT: "He still remained in that bubble, in that magnificent spotlight that can be really a daunting spotlight. And yet, he handles that over, and over, and over again, and there's a lot to be said about that."

**BUT AFTER HITTING THE 5-WIN MARK FOR THE 10TH TIME IN HIS CAREER AND EARNING PLAYER OF THE YEAR, HE WAS RIDDLED WITH INJURY ONCE AGAIN BY SEASON'S END.**

ANNC: "Wow. He went down in pain. He is down."

**THE 79-TIME PGA TOUR CHAMPION WOULD UNDERGO 4 BACK SURGURIES OVER THE NEXT 4 SEASONS, RETURNING FROM SPINAL FUSION SURGURY IN 2018 AFTER JUST ONE START IN 2 YEARS…**

SNEDEKER SOT: "With what he was dealing with on the golf course, trying to relearn a swing again, learn how to play with a bad back it kind of humanized him in a way."

**…AND IN TYPICAL TIGER FASHION, HE ENDED THE LONGEST DROUGHT OF HIS CAREER AT THE PLAYOFF FINALE.**

ANNC: "1,876 days since that last PGA TOUR win."

NATS: “Tiger, tiger, tiger, tiger…”

ANNC: "The most improbable comeback in the history of sports."

**WIN NUMBER 80 TURNED THE PAGE ON A PERSEVERING CHAPTER IN TIGER'S CAREER, BUT HE STILL SOUGHT HIS 1ST MAJOR VICTORY IN OVER 10 YEARS.**

RAHM SOT: "Everybody was kinda hoping he was gonna have a run to maybe catch Jack and be on that conversation to who's the best in history."

FOWLER SOT: "That's something I think a lot of people wrote him off as he would never be back in a major, never have a chance to win, let alone win another major."

**…AND HE PROVED DOUBTERS WRONG AT THE 2019 MASTERS - ONCE AGAIN REWRITING HIS OWN NARRATIVE OF THE DECADE.**

DIMEGLIO SOT: "Tiger won ten times in the decade and he had the best win in the entire decade at the 2019 Masters."

THOMAS SOT: "Just the inner belief for him to know that he can do that again against us young guys as he calls us."

ROSE SOT: "He's been through a lot. The comeback hasn't been easy for him."

SCHAUFFELE SOT: "He doesn't really care what people were saying. I don't think he ever cared."

SCOTT SON: "He keeps doing things that people don't think anyone can do and he does it."

NOBILO SOT: "We still have to wait for this book to finally be finished.”  
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**Bump #2 (Payne Stewart)**

**UP NEXT…**

LANGER SOT: “It was a lot of fun hanging around Payne, it was never a boring moment. He was full of life.

**THE MEMORY OF PAYNE STEWART ENDURES ON THE PGA TOUR.**

SNEDEKER SOT: “The game of golf will never be the same without him.”

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**ServPro Vignette**

**INSIDE PRESENTS, BOUNCING BACK**

**IN THE FINAL ROUND OF THE CJ CUP AT NINE BRIDGES JUSTIN THOMAS SUFFERED A BOGEY ON HOLE NUMBER 4.**

ANNC: “It doesn't fall so he falls back to 16 under par.”

ANNC: “Down to crunch time, this is where this game gets really good.”

**BUT THOMAS WOULD BOUNCE BACK WITH BIRDIES ON 8 AND 9.**

ANNC: “It is looking more and more like it is a 2 horse race.”

**THE BIRDIES KEPT HIM TIED WITH DANNY LEE AT THE TURN, AND HE OUTDUELED HIM ON THE BACK TO CAPTURE THE TITLE.**  
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**Social Minute**

**LET'S TAKE A LOOK AROUND THE WORLD OF GOLF, THROUGH THIS WEEK'S SOCIAL MINUTE.**

**BEFORE THE NBA SEASON TIPPED OFF THIS WEEK, BASKETBALL ANALYST AHMAD RASHAD AND THE TORONTO RAPTORS’ KYLE LOWRY GAVE THE ACCORDIA GOLF NARASHINO COURSE A TEST RUN BEFORE THE ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP.**

**ON HIS HOME ISLAND IN KOREA, 21 YEAR OLD SUNGJAE IM WAS ALL SMILES AT THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES AS HE ACCEPTED THE 2018-19 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR TROPHY.**

**MEANWHILE, THE 1994 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AND WORLD GOLF HALL OF FAMER ERNIE ELS TURNED FIFTY, AND THANKED HIS FANS FOR THE WELL WISHES.**

**AND THE KORN FERRY TOUR ANNOUNCED THEIR NEW SCHEDULE FOR THE 2020 SEASON. 28 EVENTS OVER 20 STATES AND 4 COUNTRIES WITH 50 PGA TOUR CARDS ON THE LINE.** [Return to index of stories...](file:///C:\Users\jamesm\OneDrive%20-%20PGA%20TOUR%20INC\Documents\x2019%20Inside%20the%20PGA%20TOUR%20%2341%20(ZOZO).HTM#StoryIndex)

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**Payne Stewart 20 Year Memorial**

SNEDEKER SOT: “I grew up a huge Payne Stewart fan. He still has probably one of the prettiest swings the game of golf has ever produced. He had style unto his own. He was the guy I looked forward to most playing when I was a kid.”

ANNC: "That is a popular win here folks!"

SNEDEKER SOT: “The game of golf will never be the same without him. But we do have all these great memories and great videos to go back and look at and see what kind of person he was, what kind of golfer he was.”

**THIS WEEK MARKS THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF PAYNE STEWART'S PASSING. TWO DECADES SINCE THE TRAGEDY, HIS LEGACY REMAINS EVIDENT THROUGHOUT GOLF'S LANDSCAPE.**

LANGER SOT: "It was a lot of fun hanging around Payne, there was never a boring moment, he was full of life, he wanted to be a part of what's going on and cheer everybody up."

**THE 11-TIME PGA TOUR WINNER'S COMMITMENT TO SPORTSMANSHIP CAN STILL BE SEEN ECHOED ON TOUR.**

ANNC: “Appreciate it, thanks you guys for sticking around."

HARRINGTON SOT: “He wanted me to play great, but he wanted to beat me. He wanted both of us to have a match that we will remember forever. And just you know he wanted to do it the right way which is, it's idealistic.”

**AND STEWART'S COMMITMENT TO CHARITY REFLECTED A BEDROCK PRINCIPLE OF THE TOUR.**

IRWIN SOT: "If you could pass it on some way to help others achieve a better quality of life, then what better thing is there, and I think Payne is one of those people that did that.”

**THOSE VALUES OF CHARITY, CHARACTER, AND SPORTSMANSHIP HAVE BEEN THE BASIS FOR THE PAYNE STEWART AWARD PRESENTED BY SOUTHERN COMPANY, WHICH HAS HONORED HIS MEMORY SINCE 2000.**

SPIETH SOT: “The recipients are obviously top-notch players but even better people. And they're recognized for the work that they've done off the golf course. Which is certainly something that I like to be a part of and to support because those guys are role models to me.”

DAY SOT: “With Payne and how much he gave back, not only to the game of golf, but to people around him, especially in his circle, that's something that is pretty big for us, too.”  
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**Up and Down Intro**

**THE PGA TOUR'S NEWEST PODCAST: UP AND DOWN CONTINUES TO FEATURE THE BEST PAIRINGS IN GOLF. FIND IT NOW AT PGA TOUR DOT COM.**

ELLIE DAY SOT: "When we found out that I was pregnant, what did you think?"

ELLIE DAY SOT: "Oh gosh, I don’t know, the laughing…”

DAY SOT: "Because it's just so funny because I still remember, I wake up and you're crying. I'm like, what's wrong?" [Return to index of stories...](file:///C:\\Users\\jamesm\\OneDrive%20-%20PGA%20TOUR%20INC\\Documents\\x2019%20Inside%20the%20PGA%20TOUR%20%2341%20(ZOZO).HTM" \l "StoryIndex)

**Jason and Ellie Day Up and Down**

**IN THIS WEEK'S EPISODE THE HUSBAND AND WIFE DUO OF JASON AND ELLIE DAY ENJOY ALL THE UPS AND DOWN OF LIFE… SINCE MEETING IN 2005.**

ELLIE DAY SOT: "I was hostessing and you didn't talk to me and you didn't really even pay attention to me at all, so I didn't really think much about you, I just thought, that kid's cute."

ELLIE DAY SOT: "Basically the whole restaurant got together that I worked at and went and watched you play."

ELLIE DAY SOT: "We went to the golf tournament and you won and I didn't know anything about golf. I was like, good job that's great. I had no idea that was a very big deal."

DAY SOT: “But anytime I had time off I came and drove to see you. As soon as I’d finish a golf tournament I’d be like hey what are you doing? I’m coming to see you.”

**TWO YEARS AFTER TYING THE KNOT IN 2009, THEY GOT THE NEWS THAT THERE WOULD BE A NEW ADDITION TO THE FAMILY.**

DAY SOT: "I wake up and you're crying. I'm like what, what's wrong.”

ELLIE DAY SOT: “And you were like yay, I’m so happy and I’m like I don’t know what’s going on.”

DAY SOT: “And then you tell me you're pregnant."

DAY SOT: "Ever since I was a kid, I always wanted kids."

ELLIE DAY SOT: "Having a family and settling down even as young as we were when that happened, that was important to you."

DAY SOT: "Yeah but I knew I didn't want anything else. I found my wife. I knew that I wanted to have kids. But now, we have three kids but when are we stopping? Are we gonna keep going? Are we gonna get a football team, what's going on?

ELLIE DAY SOT: "Whatever the Lord gives us, we'll see."

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**International Player Success Close**

**WITH THE NEW SEASON UNDERWAY, THE AUSSIE TRANSITIONS BACK TO GOLF… AND HIS INTERNATIONAL COUNTERPARTS HAVE BEEN OFF TO A HOT START.**

ANNC: "And another young star has arrived on The PGA TOUR."

**CHILE'S JOAQUINN NIEMAN KICKED OFF THE SEASON WITH HIS MAIDEN VICTORY…**

ANNC: "Man, what a performance."

**AND ONE WEEK LATER COLOMBIA NATIVE SEBASTIAN MUNOZ EARNED HIS FIRST WIN- MAKING THE INTERNATIONALS TWO FOR TWO.**

ANNC: "What a day what a win."

VEGAS SOT: "I know what it takes come from South America and have success. To see them do it at such a young age with the competitiveness of the PGA TOUR nowadays, shows how good golf in that region is."

**CANADA'S ADAM HADWIN JOINS BOTH WINNERS INSIDE THE TOP-10 OF THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS AFTER EARNING TOP-5 FINISHES IN ALL STARTS THIS SEASON.**

ANNC: “Holy cow.”

HADWIN SOT: "Everything's going fairly well. It's always nice to get off to a good start early in the season, kinda set up the rest of the season."

**AND AT NUMBER 9 IN THE STANDINGS IS SOUTH KOREA'S ROOKIE OF THE YEAR, SUNGJAE IM.**

**IN HIS FIRST SEASON ON TOUR, IM RACKED UP 7 TOP-10 FINSIHES AND HAS CARRIED THAT MOMENTUM INTO HIS SOPHOMORE SEASON.**

ANNC: "He was really playing some great golf."

**WITH PRESIDENT'S CUP PICKS LOOMING- PLAYERS WILL CONTINUE TO PROVE TO CAPTAIN ERNIE ELS THEY ARE WORTHY OF A SELECTION.**

ELS SOT: "We're gonna have a really great international group of newcomers coming onto the team we're gonna have an interesting mix of players and cultures, so we're gonna have a great time." [Return to index of stories...](file:///C:\\Users\\jamesm\\OneDrive%20-%20PGA%20TOUR%20INC\\Documents\\x2019%20Inside%20the%20PGA%20TOUR%20%2341%20(ZOZO).HTM" \l "StoryIndex)

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