TEASE
ANNC: Some of the biggest names in the game set to go head to head on the international stage.

ANCER LINE: For team!

JT LINE: For Country!

DECHAMBEAU SOT: All of us players out here need to experience team competition and representing the red white and blue.

LEISHMAN LINE: For Ernie!

ANCER SOT: I think he’s the best captain we can get!

DECHAMBEAU LINE: For Tiger!

WEBB SOT: To think, one day, that I could play for what I consider the greatest golfer of all time.

THOMAS LINE: For Glory!

MATSUYAMA: For Honor!

SCOTT SOT: I’m hopeful that we kind of step outside the box and leave it all on the table in Melbourne.

DJ LINE: For the cup!

MATSUYAMA LINE: For the Cup!

SCHAUFLEE LINE: For the Cup!

F/S GRFX: OPENING TITLES GRFX
**THIS IS THE 2019 PRESIDENTS CUP PREVIEW SHOW…CITI AND ROLEX ARE THE EXCLUSIVE GLOBAL PARTNERS OF THE PRESIDENTS CUP.**

SETTING THE STAGE:
**COMING UP … WE HEAD BACK TO MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA…WHERE THE EYES OF THE SPORTING WORLD WILL, ONCE AGAIN, FOCUS ON THE ROYAL MELBOURNE GOLF CLUB.**

**FOR THE THIRD TIME, TWO MIGHTY TEAMS WILL BATTLE FOR THE CUP ON THIS PRESTIGIOUS TRACK…VETERANS AND ROOKIES ALIKE, VYING FOR THE PRESIDENTS CUP.**

**WILL THE UNITED STATES TEAM CONTINUE ITS 21-YEAR DOMINANCE?**

AUDIO CALL: It’s all gone right for the US on this day!

**OR CAN THE INTERNATIONAL TEAM RECAPTURE THE MAGIC HERE AT ROYAL MELBOURNE, THE SITE OF ITS OVERPOWERING, LONE VICTORY BACK IN 1998?**

AUDIO CALL: Oh wow!

**WE’LL TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT ALL THAT AND MORE IN THE NEXT HALF HOUR…BUT ONE THING IS CERTAIN…BOTH TEAMS WILL COMPETE HARD FOR THEIR LEGENDARY CAPTAINS.**

**ONE OF WHOM IS RE-WRITING HISTORY, ONE MORE TIME.**

F/S GRFX: CAPTAIN COMEBACK
TIGER NATS: When I was the vice-captain at Liberty National my roles was to help in whatever way I could. I was looking at golf at a completely different perspective. As a player, would I ever play again? Would I ever compete again? I didn’t know. And I took my role as a vice-captain very seriously because who knows if I’d ever get that opportunity again.

ANNCE MONTAGE: Tiger Woods is tied for the lead. There’s a little bit of that old Tiger magic! Tell your friends, it might be one of those days! And he walks it in with a huge snap! This has just turned in to beyond description! Tiger Woods, a winner again! Make room on the mountain top, Tiger Woods has matched Sam Snead with 82 PGA TOUR wins….the most of all time.

Nats: It’s great to have Tiger back in town, hope to see him out there playing as well next year.

**EVERYONE LOVES A COMEBACK STORY. THE RISE AND FALL, AND RISE AGAIN, OF OUR SUPERHEROES CAN BE RIVETING.**

NATS: Alright, you got it.

**SO, TO SEE TIGER WOODS ONE YEAR AGO IN AUSTRALIA, AT THE BEGINNING OF HIS REIGN AS THE PRESIDENTS CUP TEAM CAPTAIN FOR THE 2019 U.S. TEAM, WAS ALMOST SURREAL.**

Nats: Thanks for having me, you have a great day (you too) I’ll see you soon.
Nats: A lot of it has changed with, with my spinal fusion surgery. To live without the nerve pain has been, uh, quite a blessing.

MUSIC CHANGE

**JUST OVER A YEAR REMOVED FROM HAIL MARY BACK FUSION SURGERY, AND MONTHS AFTER HIS TRIUMPHANT WIN AT THE 2018 TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP…**

ANNCE NATS: What an ending to this PGA TOUR season.

**…TIGER CAME TO MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, A REBUILT MAIN. FULL OF PERSPECTIVE ONLY LIFE’S CHALLENGES CAN PROVIDE.**

TIGER SOT; It’s about helping the game of golf. And how can we grow the game. I felt like I grew the game as a player, I felt like I was part of growing the game as a vice-captain, and now hopefully I can do that as a captain.

**TIGER’S CAPTAINCY OFFICIALLY KICKED OFF BACK IN MARCH OF 2018. AS HE AND LEGENDARY SOUTH AFRICAN CHAMPION, ERNIE ELS, WERE ANNOUNCED AS CAPTAINS FOR THE 2019 PRESIDENTS CUP, CONTINUING A RIVALRY THAT HAS SPANNED 20-PLUS YEARS.**

ERNIE ELS SOT: It’s great memories. The friendship we’ve built through those times is unique. You know I played against arguably one of the greatest players of all time. I got my fair share but not quite as many as he did, but we’re great friends. Subsequently here we are, Tiger captain of the US team and I’m captain of the International team, very much two rivals, going against each other as captains this time.

TIGER SOT: We’ve gone back a long ways in this Presidents Cup. It’s going to be a lot of fun to do it with a friend and a competitor that I’ve known for a long time.

MUSIC CHANGE

**TIGER FIRST CAME TO AUSTRALIA FOR THE PRESIDENTS CUP IN 1998, THEN A 22-YEAR-OLD KID JUST BEGINNING HIS REMARKABLE CAREER.**

**A PRESIDENTS CUP ROOKIE WITNESSING THE INTERNATIONAL TEAM DOMINATE AT ROYAL MELBOURNE.**

**HE WOULD PLAY AGAIN HERE IN 2011, THIS TIME CLINCHING THE WINNING POINT FOR THE U.S. SQUAD.**

Nats: Oh very good, oh what a shot. USA, USA!

**BUT THIS IS DIFFERENT, NOW A LIVING LEGEND, THE TEAM HE WILL CAPTAIN …MADE UP OF PLAYERS WHO HE INSPIRED TO PLAY THE GAME.**

JUSTIN THOMAS SOT: We grew up watching one of the best athletes of all time, dominate, in Tiger Woods. Just absolutely tear apart tournaments and golf courses. Watching him do what he did, we all kind of want to be something dominating like that.

NATS: Morning Tiger!
NATS: Good morning!
NATS: Big fan, can I get a photo!?
NATS: Tiger, Tiger, Tiger!

**FOR A SPORTS-CRAZED NATION LIKE AUSTRALIA AND CITY LIKE MELBOURNE, TIGER’S VISIT WAS CERTAINLY A HUGE DEAL.**

NATS: Welcome.
NATS: Thank you very much.
NATS: It’s very nice to have you here.
NATS: It’s an honor.
NATS: Good, good, very good, and you’re here till Friday?
NATS: I am. I leave Friday morning.
NATS: Very good, we’re delighted to have you here.
NATS: Yeah, no, thank you!
 **A RARE CHANCE TO SEE ONE OF THE GAME’S ICONS IN PERSON.**

TIGER SOT: Sport here in Melbourne is revered. They love sport. This is one of the greatest sporting countries and this is probably one of the greatest sporting cities there is in the world. One of the neat things about playing here is they are so respectful of the players. They want the internationals to win, but they’re so respectful, which is a lot of fun for us to play in front of.

**WHO COULD’VE IMAGINED A YEAR AGO ANY OF THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE? WHO WOULD’VE PREDICTED TIGER’S UNLIKELY RETURN TO PROMINENCE? NOT EVEN THE MAN HIMSELF…WHO NOW HAS THE RARE CHANCE TO NOT ONLY CAPTAIN THE U.S. TEAM, BUT PLAY ON IT AS WELL.**

TIGER PRESSER: I’ve been a part of the Presidents Cup for 20 years and now to have the opportunity to be a captain and to lead my guys into an environment that’s going to be fun, it’s going to be exciting, it’s going to be electric, there’s really nothing that’s better as a player to evolve into the role of being a captain. There’s a level of excitement that I’m looking forward to.
NATS: I’ve never done selfies.
NATS: That’s awesome.

TIGER SOT: I’m looking forward to coming down here and leading my guys and being part of the Presidents Cup. This is going to be one of the more fun events. They’ve supportive here the last two times that we’ve played in. It’s always crazy, it’s always fun and we’re going to do it.

F/S GRFX: O CAPTAIN! MY CAPTAIN!
**TIGER’S FELLOW CAPTAINS ARE ALL EXPERIENCED TEAM PLAYERS…LED BY THREE-TIME CAPTAIN AND FOUR-TIME PARTICIPANT FRED COUPLES. STEVE STRICKER COMMANDED THE VICTORIOUS 2017 PRESIDENTS CUP TEAM…WHILE ZACH JOHNSON IS A FIRST-TIME CAPTAIN’S ASSISTANT WITH FOUR PRESIDENTS CUP APPEARANCES UNDER HIS BELT.**

GRFX ANIMATION – US TEAM
**CAPTAIN WOODS BRINGS AN INCREDIBLY FIERY SQUAD TO AUSTRALIA.**

ANNCE CALL: This may be one of the greatest American teams ever.

**LEAD BY PROVEN U.S. NATIONAL TEAM MEMBERS - JUSTIN THOMAS, DUSTIN JOHNSON AND PATRICK REED.**

ANNCE CALL: And he does it, that’s good stuff.

**COMBINED, THE THREE HAVE 15 VICTORIES IN PRESIDENTS CUP TEAM COMPETITION.**

**RICKIE FOWLER, MATT KUCHAR AND WEBB SIMPSON WILL ALSO ADD THEIR GRIT AND EXPERIENCE TO THE SQUAD.**

WEBB SIMPSON SOT: It's a big goal, that was my first team event in 2011 at Royal Melbourne, so I love the golf course. Who wouldn't want to be on a team with a captain who's the greatest player of all time?

**WHILE FIVE PLAYERS WILL BE MAKING THEIR PRESIDENTS CUP DEBUT – BRYSON DECHAMBEAU, PATRICK CANTLAY, XANDER SCHAUFFELE, TONY FINAU AND REIGNING U.S. OPEN CHAMPION, AND ONE OF FOUR CAPTAIN’S PICKS, GARY WOODLAND.**

WOODLAND SOT (from announcement) I was a little frustrated with not making the team especially after the start to the year that I had but it was nice to come out in Asia and play well and kind of make that late push so when I got that call from Tiger it was something that I’ll never forget and something that was pretty special to me.

**AND TIGER BECAME JUST THE SECOND PLAYING CAPTAIN IN PRESIDENTS CUP HISTORY WHEN HE SELECTED HIMSELF AS A CAPTAIN’S PICK…AND COMING OFF HIS RECORD TYING 82ND PGA TOUR VICTORY…COULD YOU REALLY BLAME HIM?**

GRFX ANIMATION
**STILL TO COME…. WE SIT DOWN WITH THE INTERNATIONAL SIDE’S LEGENDARY LEADER…**

ELS SOT: I’m still growing into this position as captain. I just want to make the experience worthwhile for the player.

**AND THEN SEE WHO WILL BE FOLLOWING THE BIG EASY IN TO BATTLE, AS HE TRIES TO OUST THE AMERICANS IN MELBOURNE.**

REJOIN SEGMENT TWO:
**YOU’RE WATCHING THE 2019 PRESIDENTS CUP PREVIEW SHOW.**

ERNIE ELS: LEADING THE CHARGE:Nats: “Have you seen my ball?”

Nats: “How far is that, 30 yards?”

Nats: “All right guys, thank you”

**JUST ANOTHER DAY AT THE BEACH FOR ERNIE ELS…**

**THIS TIME IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA TO PROMOTE THE UPCOMING 2019 PRESIDENTS CUP AT THE ROYAL MELBOURNE GOLF CLUB.**

Nats “Hey, alright!”

**ERNIE HAS BEEN APPOINTED INTERNATIONAL TEAM CAPTAIN…**

Nats: “Good. There it is!”

**A ROLE HE CONSIDERS A TRUE HONOR.**

Els SOT “I’m still growing into this position as captain. I just want to make the experience worthwhile for the player, and I want the players to have an amazing time as long, as we grow as people through the week.”

**HIS NAME IS THEODORE ERNEST ELS. HE’S PRODUCED A HALL-OF-FAME CAREER THAT INCLUDES MORE THAN 70 PROFESSIONAL TITLES ACROSS THE GLOBE, INCLUDING FOUR MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS AND EIGHT PRESIDENT CUP APPEARANCES. AND HE’LL CAPTAIN THE INTERNATIONAL SQUAD THIS DECEMBER.**

**NOT BAD FOR A KID THAT GREW UP AMIDST THE TURMOIL OF APARTHEID TO RISE INTO ONE OF THE COUNTRY’S GREATEST HUMANITARIANS.**

Els SOT “I had a great childhood, played a lot of sport, like a lot of people here in South Africa. The golf bug got me when I was kinda just starting with high school.

Nico Van Rensburg sot: “He was just a phenomenal player from the beginning. You know, a lot of people got talent, but he’s got that extra talent and ability that’s very rare to find.”

Ernie Els sot: “I won a little tournament in Johannesburg, and the winner got to go play in the Junior World in San Diego, California, won the tournament playing with Phil, there in his hometown. When I came back home that was a big deal. “

Nico Van Rensburg sot: “I think that just kickstarted Ernie, he won three tournaments around South Africa. And then he went overseas and when he won the US Open it was just boom.”

*Annc: “And Ernie Els…Ernie Els…Ernie Els…is the champion.”*

Johann Rupert sot: “The pros that played with him right in the beginning realized how special he was, because he literally could up and down out of a drainpipe.”

Liezl Els SOT “His drive was there. You could see it in his eyes. I never had a doubt that he would make it He's just always had a self-belief that made you have no doubt about where he was going.”

*Annc: ”Ernie Els does it with a flourish!”*

**BY THE END OF 2003, ERNIE HAD AMASSED MORE THAN 40 PROFESSIONAL TITLES AROUND THE WORLD.**

*Nats: “Congratulations… Thank you.”*

Ernie Els sot: “I was the guy for a while. And then things changed a little bit because of this great player.”

Neels Els sot: “When Tiger came onto the scene, suddenly there was huge… competition.”

*Annc:* *“Dead center. Ernie Els is hot. Tiger Woods on fire!”*

Nico Van Rensburg: “Ernie always wanted to play against Tiger. And that's the person I think also carried Ernie, Tiger was just this unbelievable person.”

*Annc**: “Tiger is back on top of the world.”*

Johann Rupert sot: “Ernie should've won, at least 10 majors. There may have been great boxers in the Muhammad Ali era that you never heard about. I don't know how many times Ernie came second to Tiger.”

Ernie Els sot: Yeah, I mean, a lot of close calls, but uhm, I just ran into a guy a little bit better than me, and that's that. I mean, what a player.”

**OF THE MANY HEAD-TO-HEAD MATCHES BETWEEN THE TWO TITANS, NONE WOULD HAVE MORE IMPACT, NOR SIGNIFICANCE, THAN THE SHOWDOWN IN ERNIE’S HOME COUNTRY DURING THE 2003 PRESIDENTS CUP.**

Ernie Els sot: “All the attention was on this event to bring that kind of talent into this country from a golfing point of view was unbelievable. And then, Tiger, being Tiger, myself coming from an Afrikaans background through the apartheid days where we grew up in the 80s, and then through the change with President Mandela making a Democracy here. Us meeting up.”

*Nats: “You can shake hands now.”*

Ernie Els sot: “And then the whole thing coming down to the two of us. I mean you couldn't script it better.

**THE THREE-DAY MATCHES ENDED IN A TIE. A PLAYOFF WAS TO DECIDE THE VICTOR. EARLIER IN THE WEEK, CAPTAINS GARY PLAYER AND JACK NICKLAUS HAD PICKED THEIR RESPECTIVE PLAYERS TO REPRESENT THEIR TEAMS.**

Jack: “It says Tiger.” Gary: “Ernie Els.”

**WITH DARKNESS UPON THEM, THE TOP TWO PLAYERS IN THE WORLD BATTLED FOR THREE HOLES.**

Ernie Els sot: “I was like, there's no way he's making this putt. [LAUGH] Then he plays a foot of break in the dark and the ball goes right in the middle of the hole.”

*Annc: “Ah ha ha. Tiger knew it. He started running to the hole.”*

Ernie Els sot: “You know, If I don't make that putt and we lost on that green. I mean, that dagger would have been still in my chest.”

*Annc: “Not so Fast. That’s as it should be.”*

Tiger sot: “That was some of the most amazing golf and the most amazing pressure I've ever been a part of. And to do it with Ernie, I don't think either one of us would ever want to do that again.”

Ernie Els sot: “That was probably one of the biggest putts of my whole life. I mean take the majors and everything. But I made the putt and then it was called off, and it was a tie.”

*Nats Jack: “Our Guys feel, that In the spirit of the game, rather than the U.S. retaining the cup, we share the cup.*

*Nats Gary: I thinks that’s marvelous.”*

Liezl sot: It was pivotal for so many people. It was so important for South Africa as a country, and, again, it's that unifier, our sport brings everyone together. We unified as a country again behind Ernie when it came down to the crunch.

**THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THAT MAGICAL WEEK AT FANCOURT STILL LINGERS TO THIS DAY, NOT ONLY IN THE TINY TOWN OF GEORGE, BUT WOLRDWIDE.**

Nico Van Rensburg sot: “You can ask any kid on the street who’s the most popular sportsman in South Africa, Ernie’s by far the first. I think more people know Ernie Els is than who the president of South Africa is, believe me.”

*F/S GRFX: LEADING THE CHARGE***ELS HEADS TO ROYAL MELBOURNE WITH EXPERIENCE AT THE HELM.**

**MIKE WEIR RETURNS FOR HIS SECOND STINT AS A PRESIDENTS CUP ASSISTANT CAPTAIN…AFTER COMPETING ON 5 INTERNATIONAL TEAMS.**

**AS WILL 3-TIME INTERNATIONAL TEAM MEMBER K.J. CHOI. THEY TEAM UP WITH GEOFF OGILVY AND TREVOR IMMELMAN TO ROUND OUT THE BIG EASY’S COACHING STAFF.**

*INTERNATIONAL PLAYER ANIMATION*
**AND WHEN THE TEAM TOUCHES DOWN IN MELBOURNE, THERE WILL BE A NEW CAST OF CHARACTERS AIMING TO TAKE DOWN THE AMERICAN JUGGERNAUT...ON FRIENDLY SOIL.**

*AUDIO CALL: Advantage International Team.*

**ELS WILL BE LEADING THE CHARGE WITH THE YOUNGEST-EVER PRESIDENTS CUP TEAM…SEVEN OF WHOM WILL BE MAKING THEIR FIRST START IN PRESIDENTS CUP COMPETITION.**

*ANNCE: That’s what the Internationals have been looking for!*

**AUSTRALIA’S CAMERON SMITH, CHINA’S HAOTONG LI, CHINESE TAIPEI’S C.T. PAN, AND MEXICO’S ABRAHAM ANCER ALL MADE THE TEAM ON POINTS…**

ANCER SOT: I'm so stoked for this event. It was one of my biggest goals my whole year. And I can’t wait to be there.

**WHILE KOREA’S SUNGJAE IM AND BEN AN, AND CHILE’S JOAQUIN NIEMANN EACH EARNED CAPTAIN’S PICKS.**

NIEMANN SOT: It’s going to be a really fun week. There’s a lot of good players on our team that have been played there before, so I think I’m gonna get some experience from them.

**AND WITH SEVEN ROOKIES ON THE TEAM, THE INTERNATIONAL SIDE – COLLECTIVELY WITH AN AVERAGE AGE OF 29 – WILL BE LOOKING TO FIVE VETERANS FOR GUIDANCE …INCLUDING AUSTRALIANS MARC LEISHMAN AND ADAM SCOTT.**

*Annce Call: Oh it’s got a chance! It does!*

**SCOTT, THE TEAM’S ELDER STATESMAN, IS MAKING HIS 9TH PRESIDENTS CUP APPEARANCE. HE WENT 2 AND 3 IN HIS MATCHES THE LAST TIME THE TWO TEAMS SQUARED OFF AT ROYAL MELBOURNE.**

Audio Call: Right at it, in tight, and they just are keeping the beat down going.

Adam Scott sot: “I'm hopeful that we kind of step outside the box a little bit more, and kind of leave it all on the table and not play it so safe.”

(MUSIC CHANGE)

**ROUNDING OUT THE SQUAD…JAPAN’S HIDEKI MATSUYAMA, SOUTH AFRICA’S LOUIS OOSTHUIZEN, AND CANADA’S ADAM HADWIN WILL ANCHOR THE TEAM.**

**AND THIS YEAR, THEY’LL HAVE SOMETHING NEW TO PLAY FOR.**

Hadwin SOT: We have a new logo this year. We have so many different ethnicity's and cultures, to bring everybody together for one week, randomly, throughout the year, has proved to be difficult.

ELS SOT: To lift the spirit, bond the team together, we felt we needed a logo for ourselves. We play for our individual flags, but what really bonds us together will be a special logo~~.~~

HAOTONG LI: Our country flag in the middle, which is fantastic. Very, very good design.

ANCER I think that's just very unique and very special. I think it's gonna push us a little bit more to play even better.

ELS SOT: You’re a special player making this team. You have graduated into the International Team for the Presidents Cup.

BUMP #2
**COMING UP…WE TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE STAGE ON WHICH IT WILL ALL PLAY OUT…THE ROYAL MELBOURNE GOLF CLUB.**

ADAM SCOTT: It’s a very hard course to overpower. It’s going to pretty firm and fast.

SEGMENT THREE: REJOIN
**THIS IS THE PRESIDENTS CUP PREVIEW SHOW.**

ROYAL MELBOURNE – VOICED BY GEOFF OGILVY
**THE ROYAL MELBOURNE GOLF CLUB – SITE OF THE 2019 PRESIDENTS CUP – MADE ITS INTERNATIONAL DEBUT 60 YEARS AGO…AS THE BACKDROP FOR THE 1959 CANADA CUP.**

*1959 AUDIO CALL - “Players set out every morning, along with thousands of golf followers, to drive to the famed tree lined Royal Melbourne…”*

**IT FIRST BECAME A PART PRESIDENTS CUP LORE IN 1998…AS THE SITE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TEAM’S LONE VICTORY.**

*1998 AUDIO CALL – “This is a big putt, this is a major putt!”*

NORMAN SOT: The greatest thing about 98 was the way Australia embraced the international team, the euphoric feeling of success with others. We all felt the great feeling of victory.

**IN 2011, THE PRESIDENTS CUP RETURNED TO VICTORIA. THIS TIME, IT WAS THE UNITED STATES’ TEAM THAT PREVAILED OVER ITS BOLD BUNKERING AND BRILLIANTLY FRAMED GREENS.**

*Annce Call: This should be good, very good, what a shot, my goodness.*

TIGER SOT: You have to think around this golf course and play the right shot, put the ball in the right position. If get yourself out of position here, you’re not making pars, and that’s one of the neat things about playing Royal Melbourne.

**AND ROYAL MELBOURNE IS BACK WHERE IT BELONGS…AT CENTER STAGE.**

**THIS GOLF MECCA, NESTLED IN THE HEART OF THE SANDBELT, WITH THE CITY OF MELBOURNE AT ITS BACK, IS THE WORK OF TWO GREAT GOLF COURSE ARCHITECTS – DR. ALISTER MACKENZIE AND ALEX RUSSEL.**

Annce Call: Did he get it there? It did.

ELS SOT: Royal Melbourne’s a wonderful layout, the greens are very demanding and very fast and it’s pretty close to the ocean. The wind blows a lot so the elements play a big part.

**AT JUST OVER 7000 YARDS, THIS PAR 71 PRESENTS A MIX OF BOTH SCOTTISH LINKS WITH RUGGED SANDBELT BEAUTY.**

**AND WITH ITS BLEND OF BOTH THE EAST AND WEST COURSES …ROYAL MELBOURNE WILL, ONCE AGAIN, BE THE PERFECT TEST…FOR THE PRESIDENTS CUP.**

F/S PAST RECORDS
**ONLY AUSTRALIAN ADAM SCOTT RETURNS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SIDE WITH PRESIDENTS CUP EXPERIENCE AT ROYAL MELBOURNE …AND HE’LL LOOK TO IMPROVE ON HIS RECORD IN ORDER TO HELP LEAD THE CHARGE AGAINST A UNITED STATES SQUAD THAT BRINGS FOUR PLAYERS BACK TO THIS ROYAL GEM.**

TIGER NATS PIECE
**WHILE TOURING MELBOURNE LAST DECEMBER, CAPTAIN WOODS STARTED SOME EARLY TOURNAMENT PREPARATION AT THE ROYAL MELBOURNE GOLF CLUB.**

TIGER NATS: Arlight. I want to show him. Robby you gotta take a look at 2, it’s one of the coolest par 5s.

NATS: Oh hello!
TIGER NATS: Hi ladies. Sorry! We’ll get out of your way!

NATS: The par 3, it’s 14…
TIGER NATS: The one down the hill?
NATS: Yes, yea.
TIGER NATS: That’s different?
NATS: Yea, just the angle’s changed a little bit.

SOT: We want to see Royal Melbourne play the way it traditionally does and that’s firm and good speed. A smooth ball roll, that’s what we’re after so, I like to see the ball bounce forward when it lands so that’s sort of how we try to prepare the greens.

TIGER SOT: Unreal how fast they can get. And uh, it’s hard to get the ball close. It really is here.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS 1:45

SCOTT SOT: I'm very much looking forward to going back and playing a great course at Royal Melbourne in front of the home crowd. I think for us this year, that’s gonna be a big thing.”

*Annce: Clutch delivery by Adam Scott!*

JT SOT: I've had a blast with my two team events, so hoping to recreate some of those memories.

*Annce: And he does it!*

JT SOT: To be able to play for T dub and have a very, very solid deep team again. It's something that we're all looking forward to and excited for.

*MUSIC CHANGE*

IMMELMAN SOT: For a professional golfer, we spend so much time on our own trying to compete out here without any teammates. It's kinda refreshing when you feel like you can be part of a team, to be a part of something bigger than ourselves, trying to win a great trophy.

*Annce: What a shot for Trevor Immelman!*

TIGER SOT: I want the guys to have fun within, to enjoy themselves, enjoy competing and playing, but ultimately, we want to win the cup. It’s going to be a tough challenge at Royal Melbourne. The Internationals, I think they’ve probably played there more than we have. Ernie’s played there many times, won tournaments there so, there’s a lot of knowledge that I can help some of the guys with and I’m sure he can do the same with his team.

LEISHMAN SOT: “It's gonna be amazing at Royal Melbourne. My boyhood idol Ernie Els is the captain. We’re not just playing under the international flag. We're playing under our flag and that's gonna be cool. Put a big emphasis on that in my own country, so I'm definitely excited about it. I can't wait.”

ELS SOT: We’ve got to compete better. Team match ups is going to be key, obviously. And just get the guys on form and get them happy. I know the course very, very well from my experience at Royal Melbourne, and we’ll be very well prepared, and then the putts must drop!

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