**The American Express – Final Round**

**Scottie Scheffler**

Things to Know

* PGA TOUR Rookie
* Korn Ferry Tour Rookie of the Year
* <https://www.instagram.com/p/B3XgugoFVdi/>
* <https://twitter.com/KornFerryTour/status/1181653816875335680>
* <https://twitter.com/KornFerryTour/status/1181944654209732618>
* Scheffler got his start in golf as a child in New Jersey. When he was 3 years old, he had a plastic golf ball and clubs that he would whack around the front yard, enamored with the challenge of controlling the tantalizing white ball. His parents, Diane and Scott, recall the young Scheffler setting up golf holes inside the family home to feed his burgeoning interest in golf.  - Photos of his childhood in folder
* As Scheffler grew, the plastic club and ball were replaced by a set of U.S. Kids clubs, and Scheffler entered his first tournament. With his father, Scott, on the bag, Scheffler tied with another boy and went to a playoff.
* “His father said, ‘If you make a four, you’re going to win the playoff, and you’ll win the tournament,” Scott said. “He told me, ‘Well, I don’t know if I want to do that. I want to keep playing.’”
* The local driving range would leave balls out at night for him to hit under a flood light.
* His family moved to Dallas when Scheffler was 6 years old and he began working with instructor Randy Smith at Royal Oaks Golf Club.
* He thrived under Smith, winning 75 times on the Northern Texas PGA Junior circuit.
* Earned AJGA Player of the Year honors in 2013.
* Was the No. 1 ranked junior player in the country when he signed with Texas.
* Won three individual state championships in Texas, the only other high schooler to do that at the time was Jordan Spieth.
* Finished T27 at the 2017 U.S. Open at Erin Hills for low amateur honors. Was one of two amateurs to make the cut, along with Cameron Champ who he topped by one stroke.
* Has three sisters: Callie, Sara and Molly. Callie played golf at Texas A&M and caddied for him in the U.S. Open.
* Competed on the 2017 Walker Cup Team, went 1-1-0 (won a match in singles, lost a match in foursomes with Cameron Champ as a partner)
* Earned the Phil Mickelson Award as the top freshman in the country in 2015.
* Rolex Junior Player of the Year in 2013 (top junior player in the country) – photo in his catalyst folder
* Was teammates with future professional golfers while at University of Texas, including Beau Hossler, Kramer Hickok and Doug Ghim.
* When asked about the best part of life - “I was talking to (caddie) Scottie about this today. I’m a Christian guy, so that’s important to me. But even if you’re not a Christian, life is important to spend with people you enjoy. If you don’t have close, quality friends, I don’t think whatever you’re doing is important. So that would be my most important advice to someone. Find something you enjoy doing, and enjoy doing it with other people.”
* Plays golf with Jordan Spieth occasionally; they have the same chiropractor. Both live in Dallas.
* Seeks advice in professional golf from other University of Texas alumni such as Kramer Hickok and Cody Gribble.
* Scottie grew up playing with Vincent Whaley (2019 KFT graduate) and the two have remained friends since. [(Photo of Vince and Scottie in folder)](https://pgatourinc.sharepoint.com/sites/o365-grp-o365-grp-catalyst/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?viewid=16148996%2D0ae7%2D4fad%2D9b24%2Db12b6e4b29b5&id=%2Fsites%2Fo365%2Dgrp%2Do365%2Dgrp%2Dcatalyst%2FShared%20Documents%2FCatalyst%20Player%20Briefs%2FScottie%20Scheffler%2FPhotos)
* Plays pickup basketball – Quote from 2014:
* “I was the short kid on my teams until I grew, like, 12 inches my sophomore year in high school. The other day I was playing with my friend Derek Cahn, who is going to play basketball for Texas A&M next year. I made 20 three-pointers in a row. I beat him in H-O-R-S-E.”
* Quote from when he was growing up practicing golf (from 2014):
* “There's a yellow pole about 100 yards out on the range at Royal Oaks in Dallas. When I was 6 or 7, this guy said he'd give me five chances to hit the pole. If I did, he'd buy me a car when I was 17. My dad says I hit the pole twice. Still no car.”
* Always wore pants growing up playing golf because “Real golfers wear pants.”
* In the early days of junior golf when a lot of parents carried their kids’ bags, Scheffler stood out as the one who carried his own bag.
* [Scheffler – 100 questions](https://www.pgatour.com/korn-ferry-tour/news/2019/09/18/100-questions-with-scottie-scheffler.html)
* Played in Tony Romo’s group for the first two rounds at First Stage of Korn Ferry Tour Q-School. Carded rounds of 65-71-69-64 and eventually finished T8. Romo carded rounds of 79-73-73-72 and finished T72 (failed to advance). [Tweet with both of them in photo.](https://twitter.com/WebDotComTour/status/1045455314269732865)
* Is involved with an organization called Triumph Over Kid Cancer. It was started by one of his friends growing up (James Ragan) who later passed away when he was 20 years old. Scheffler is still close with Ragan’s family. He won a member-guest tournament with Ragan (picture in folder) and took a picture with Jackie Burke. Ragan’s birthday would have been May 7 (Would have been 26 on May 7, 2019).  and took a picture with Jackie Burke.

**Andrew Landry**

Background/Family

* Held the 36-hole lead at the U.S. Open at Oakmont.
* Donated $10,000 from Moonshine Tea deal during U.S. Open to Austyn, a young girl he found via her hashtag on Twitter who was fighting leukemia at St. Jude Children’s Hospital; stayed in touch with her family. Austyn recently passed away. He had her hashtag #AustynStrong on his golf bag. He and his caddie recently donated a cruise to her and her family so they could go enjoy some time away.
* <https://www.instagram.com/p/BG-H8uRHOnE/>
* <https://www.thecaddienetwork.com/caddie-terry-walker-tour-player-andrew-landry-travel-to-present-family-who-lost-4-year-old-child-a-heartfelt-gift/>
* Went to Lamar University (via a recommendation from Chris Stroud to the coach...they played on the same 9-hole municipal track growing up called the Pea Patch that has since been demolished and replaced with houses) but transferred to Arkansas after his freshman year. Owns the most top-10s in Arkansas history. Once shot a 58 in two back-to-back 9 hole rounds at the Pea Patch.
* Played with Justin Harding in the 2005-2006 season brefore transferring to Arkansas.
* Very close with all of the Arkansas guys (Austin Cook, David Lingmerth, Taylor Moore, Sebastian Cappelen). Roommates at Arkansas with Cook and Lingmerth.
* Opened with 75-76 at the second stage of 2014 Korn Ferry Tour Q-School, which he said was going to be his last shot at professional golf, and he ended up posting a third-round 64 – three shots better than anyone else in the field that week – to advance to final stage. Remembers crying in the car on the way home from that 64 because it meant so much to him. Finished second at Final Stage of Q-School that year to get his Korn Ferry Tour card for the first time and went on to win in Colombia a couple months later.
* Models his game after Zach Johnson, as a grinder with a similar stature and strengths are short game and putting. Unflappable in high pressure situations. Struggled on mini tours and finally got through Q School and made it through Korn Ferry Tour but then had to go back and has grinded to get to this point. That “bulldog mentality” of grit and determination is what he prides himself on.
* Zach Johnson’s caddie at the time, Damon Green, asked Zach who that guy he was playing with was in the third round of the Valero Texas Open last year. Landry went on to win.
* One-Plane Swing – Landry's big thing in golf is “keeping the right swing planes”...one swing takeaway with low takeback. Timing moves in it. Super strong left and right hand, makes it hard to rotate face open. Likes to hold the face and then turn and burn.
* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VsEdeJ-Scbg>  <-- Describes it here.
* <https://www.pgatour.com/video/2018/06/06/andrew-landry-refining-his-game-through-trusted-swing-coach.html>  <-- describes work with Chuck Cook, who he has worked with since 2014.
* Father – Duane is a FedEx driver of 30+ years and used to cut grass on the side to help pay Andrew’s entry fees. Mother was a school teacher. Parents would sleep in their car at some of his college events.
* Footage of Duane surprising Andrew at the NYSE during 2018 TNT as Andrew rings the closing bell
* 2018 THE NORTHERN TRUST -  WEDNESDAY- NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE SHOOT
* Brother – House was flooded in the Hurricane that hit Houston area. Lost his truck and clothes in the floods; Andrew’s clothing sponsor, Oxford, donated all new clothing to his brother. Parents were worried their house, which is just down from a dam, would be completely underwater because the dam was about to overflow two weeks after the storm, but it finally stopped raining and they were OK. His parents and brother escaped the storm by heading to Portland that week to watch him get his PGA TOUR card again.
* Wife (Liz) – met her at a Randy Rogers concert on a double date [would love to meet the lead singer one day!]. They recently had their first child, a son Brooks, in March of 2018. Liz grew up on a farm and loves animals and was going to go into veterinarian medicine.
* Remembers having only $1000 left to his name after he put a $500 down payment on an engagement ring for Liz before heading to Colombia for a Korn Ferry Tour event, but he won that week.

 **Outside Interest/Hobbies**

* A proud new father
* Fishing (likes to go flounder fishing in his boat in the Gulf of Mexico)
* Met George W Bush fishing on a golf course in Dallas, while Bush was playing golf and was curious what Landry had caught.
* Would have been a fishing guide if he wasn’t a professional golfer.
* Once caught a 50-inch redfish, which he says is his best career catch.
* Proposed to his wife Liz at his favorite fishing hole.
* Spending time with his dogs
* Loves animals and country music
* Arkansas Razorbacks, Houston Astros (favorite team...knows owner Jim Crane and their family through golf), Dallas Cowboys

**Rickie Fowler**

* **Wife, Allison,**Married Oct. 5, 2019, the couple began dating in 2017 and became engaged in June 2018 ahead of the 2018 U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills. Justin Thomas took the photo of Fowler popping the question; Stokke, from Newport Beach, California, was a track and field star who broke several American records for high school poll vaulting; she continued her career at the University of California, Berkeley; She attempted to made the American Olympic team in 2012, but failed to record a height. She continued vaulting at national level meetings up to 2017. After college, she became a professional vaulter and model for brands like Nike and Athleta.
* **Grandfather, Yutaka Tanaka,** is Japanese. Was a young boy taken with his family to a World War II Japanese internment camp in Heart Mountain, Wyoming, displaces from Pomona, California where his father had a small poultry business after emigrating from Japan. "I was so young, I didn't understand the hardship," Tanaka says. "Even after the war, we weren't allowed to come back to California for two years and ended up going to New York state. My father was able to keep a business going and bring us back, but some of our friends lost everything. My parents hardly ever mentioned it, and I never talked to Rickie about it."
* Family calls him “Taka.” Fowler’s middle name is Yutaka. Fowler has a tattoo on his bicep of his grandfather’s name in Japanese script.
* Taka would take Fowler to the Murrietta Vallery Driving Range after school when he was young
* Fowler broke down in tears win he lost the lead at the 2016 Waste Management Phoenix Open as he hoped that tournament would have been the first time his father and grandfather were there for one of Fowler’s professional wins. Fowler finally accomplished his goal of having his grandfather and father present for a win, when he won the 2019 Waste Management Phoenix Open, two years later.
* **Sister, Taylor,**played college golf at Cal State Fullerton; Fowler officiated her wedding to Dave Lawrence in February 2017; Fowler became an uncle when Taylor gave birth to twin boys, Maze and Ty, on February 12, 2019.
* **Caddie, Joe Skovron,**Also from Murrieta, California, has caddied for Fowler since 2009; played college golf at University of La Verne; “I’ve known Rickie since he was a little kid,” Skovron said. “He was still an amateur at the time, but I knew he was looking for a caddie. So one day he asked if I wanted to work an upcoming Korn Ferry Tour event. The answer was ‘yes.’” Needing a par to win their inaugural showing, Fowler bogeyed the final hole of the tournament and lost in a playoff to Derek Lamely. Fowler asked Skovron to caddie for him permanently.
* **Coach, Butch Harmon**, Started working together at the end of 2013 “Rickie is a joy to be around because he loves the game and all the talking and joking and friendship that goes with it, but when it's time to work, he's a great listener, and he absorbs things very fast, which is a mark of talent. What he's shown me is that he truly wants to be the best. He's proven in the tournaments he's won and the players he's beaten that he's got it in him.”
* **College Ties**
* Played college golf at Oklahoma State University; won the Ben Hogan Award and Phil Mickelson Award as the nation’s top freshman in 2007-08; two-time All American before turning professional in 2009

**Ryan Moore**

Things to Know

* Born in Tacoma, Washington, and grew up in nearby Puyallup.
* Lives in Las Vegas
* Parents are Mike and Roxane.Mike ran a driving range when Ryan was growing up.
* Siblings are Jeremy (older brother), Jason (younger brother) and Alyssa (younger sister).
* Baseball was his primary sport growing up and he also played basketball and soccer. He began to focus on golf in high school.
* Has a wife (Nichole) and two sons (Tucker, born 2012, and Sullivan, born 2016).
* Met Nichole at UNLV, where she majored in kinesiology and played soccer (defender). The couple got married in 2011 and they reside in Las Vegas.
* High school, Cascade Christian, did not have a golf team, so he competed for Puyallup High School and won the 2001 state championship over Andres Gonzales, who he would go on to play with at UNLV.
* Brother, Jeremy, is his agent
* Strong interest in real estate and flipping houses; developing a 24-house community in the Seattle area that will feature a golf course
* Former UNLV All-American serves as chairman for a UNLV fundraising campaign called “Drive for 5,” a philanthropic scholarship campaign to double the donor base to 5,000 members. Will run until 2020 when the UNLV football team moves into the new Las Vegas stadium.
* Won NCAA Championship in 2004 and is one of only five players to win the US Amateur and NCAA individual title in the same year (others: Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Ryan Moore, Bryson DeChambeau).

**Chase Seiffert**

Things to Know

* Former teammate of Brooks Koepka, Daniel Berger and Hank Lebioda at Florida State
* Unique path to professional golf going from Monday qualifying to TOUR events to his rookie year in 2019-20.
* As an amateur, became first person to achieve the Florida State Golf Association triple crown (Winning the Florida Amateur, The Florida Open and the Florida Amateur Match Play Championship in 2012).

Background/Family

* Originally from Panama City, Florida
* Attended Mosley High School
* Two-time All-ACC selection at Florida State University
* Was teammates with Daniel Berger and Brooks Koepka while there
* Started collegiate golf career at Central Alabama Community College before transferring to FSU in 2012 (became member of starting lineup immediately).
* Led Central Alabama to a runner-up finish in the 2011 National Junior College Athletic Association D-1 National Championship. Team would have won the event but a teammate of Seiffert’s had a scorecard error.
* Joined Brooks Koepka earning All-ACC honors in 2012 for FSU… Also joined TOUR pros Anders Albertson and Denny McCarthy as only newcomers in the ACC that year to earn All-ACC honors.
* Quote on friend and former teammate Brooks Koepka: ““I can’t bench-press that much. He’ll always beat me there. But there are definitely things you can take from what Brooks has done and what he continues to do, because obviously it works. I like what he does and I’d say we’re similar in a lot of ways. We keep to ourselves. There are a lot of things to learn from people who are excelling at what they do.”
* Had no status on any Tour 13 months before earning his PGA TOUR card on the Korn Ferry Tour

Interests

* Graduated high school having already earned 20 hours of college credid
* Enjoys fishing and spending time with famiy
* Has two career hole in ones which both fell on his birthday…majoring in psychology at Florida State.

**Andrew Putnam**

**Background**

* Native of Tacoma, Washington
* One of four brothers, three of whom play golf, including brother Michael who has played professionally: <https://www.pgatour.com/webcom/tour-insider/2014/10/29/putnam-brothers-on-the-pga-tour.html>
* Andrew was a pretty good basketball player in high school. His brother, Michael broke his arm in a skiing accident his senior year of high school, right before caddying for Andrew in the U.S. Amateur.
* Andrew and his brother, Michael, are part owners in a golf towel company called PlayKleen. The company created a towel for Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. The profits from the towel were donated to hurricane relief partners and the Putnam brothers personally matched the donations.
* Greg Bodine – Andrew's cousin, he brought him out on Tour and now works for Tony Finau

**Family**

* Andrew’s girlfriend (at the time, now wife) Tawny, flew for the first time to surprise him as he won the Panama Claro Championship on the Web.com Tour. The [video](https://www.pgatour.com/webcom/video/2017/02/19/andrew-putnam-interview-after-winning-panama-claro.html) of Tawny jumping on Andrew went viral. [Recently had his first child](https://www.instagram.com/p/Bu2g4FGlEF3/) – Pepper Putnam on March 10, 2019. Just recently bought and renovated a house in Arizona.

**College**

* His freshman year of college there was a forest fire close to Pepperdine and all players had to evacuate. He left his putter in his dorm room and used an Odyssey putter that he picked up in the pro shop of his first college event. Used the same putter for the remainder of his college career (earning All-American title three times with it). This example illustrates how laid-back Andrew is (More info: <https://www.pgatour.com/webcom/tour-insider/2017/03/31/andrew-putnam-scuba-diving-wildfires.html>).
* Andrew’s coach at Pepperdine, Brendan von Doehren, now works for the PGA TOUR and could be a great source for additional insight if needed.

**Insiders**

* Andrew’s caddie Brandon “Brando” Winton used to caddie for Peter Malnati and Luke List. Is a Navy Veteran. 13 years sober (opening talks about his story); Mark Blackburn, his coach; Plays with Max Homa, Kevin Chappell, Kevin Stadler and Ricky Barnes when home.

**Charity**

* Andrew has been a very active supporter of several Christian charity organizations including College Golf Fellowship; he won the MetLife Matchup thanks in no small part to the groundswell of social media support he received from those involved in College Golf Fellowship, and he donated the $750,000 prize to the organization.

**Hobbies**

* Has a passion for writing
* Andrew is a big fan of the outdoors; he and his wife enjoy spending their time off hiking and diving (scuba-certified). This was touched upon during [Inside the PGA TOUR](https://www.pgatour.com/video/2017/07/26/off-the-course-with-andrew-putnam.html), but they would like to continue to do things with this. His family goes to Maui every year where Andrew and his wife dive.
* Andrew loves to travel. When he played on the Asia Tour, he spent extra time in Asia to learn and understand the culture. Example how much he travels: played three straight weeks, flew home on a Monday and went to Japan the following weekend to play and take his wife to Kyoto.
* He is a big Seahawks fan.

**Abraham Ancer**

**Back story/family**

* Parents: Abraham (died in 2013) and Veronica; Sisters: Sayra and Claudia
* Was born in South Texas but grew up in Reynosa, Mexico, where he lived until age 14. Parents are both natives of Mexico, and he has dual citizenship in Mexico and the United States.
* His father took him to the golf course when he was still in diapers, and he fell in love with the game.

**College/university ties and affinity**

* University of Oklahoma - Played three full seasons (2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13) for the Sooners. Was an Honorable Mention All-American selection and a three-time all-region choice, winning two individual tournaments and finishing second in school history to Anthony Kim in career scoring average in relation to par.
* As a freshman at Odessa Junior College, was a 2010 Ping All-American, received the 2010 Jack Nicklaus Award as the Golf Coaches Association of America junior college player of the year, and was named 2010 NJCAA Division I winner of Phil Mickelson Award as nation's most outstanding junior college freshman. Won five tournaments while there.
* He set his sights on becoming a professional player when he was presented by Jack Nicklaus Award in 2010. He attended the Memorial Tournament to meet Nicklaus, who presented him the award, and while watching the event he realized that is what he wanted to do this for a living.

**Career**

* Playing his third full season on the PGA TOUR, Abraham Ancer is the first Mexican player ever to break inside the men’s Official World Golf Ranking top-100.
* He won the 104th Emirates Australian Open in Sydney on November of 2018 (PGA Tour of Australasia), a result he followed up with a T2 for Mexico, teaming up with Roberto Díaz, at the ISPS Handa Melbourne World Cup of Golf.
* The win in Australia earned him an invite to the 2019 Open Championship for a second consecutive year, and he will be playing in that tournament with fellow Mexican Isidro Benitez (PGA TOUR Latinoamerica). It was the first time two players from Mexico played in the Open Championship at the same time.
* Ancer first joined the PGA TOUR for the 2015-16 season as a Korn Ferry Tour graduate. He won the Korn Ferry Tour’s Nova Scotia Open in 2015 to finish the Regular Season ranked No. 11 on the money list.
* He was paired with Tiger Woods for the first time in his career for the first two rounds of the 2019 World Golf Championships – Mexico Championship (Feb. 22-23, 2019). He carded a 71 on Thursday and a 72 on Friday.
* This is what he said about the experience: “It was incredible... I obviously felt quite nervous there for the tee shot... I felt really well, it was really nice day, it was a fight too because the greens are playing difficult, but I tried to enjoy as much as I could. The fans were unbelievable. I felt a lot of support throughout the entire day, so it was a really nice round.”
* This is what Tiger had to say about the way Abraham played those two days in Mexico City: “Abe handled himself great. This is a big environment playing in his home country and in front of his fans and a lot of pressure out there for him. He handled himself great. He fought hard, grinded his way around the golf course. He just didn't make the number of putts that he wanted to, but that's the way it goes when you're playing on poa.”
* Birdied both the 16th and 17th holes in the final round at Liberty National to separate himself for a runner-up finish in THE NORTHERN TRUST.  Not only was it the best finish of his career, but the timely performance in the FedExCup Playoffs jumped into a spot into the TOUR Championship for the first time in his career.  He finished the season T21 in the FedExCup.
* In addition to securing a spot within the TOUR Championship, Ancer earned an automatic exemption onto the International Team for the first time; in fact, Ancer is the first player ever from Mexico to make it into the Presidents Cup

**Sebastian Cappelen**

* **Background/Family**
* Born in Odense (pronounced: OH-den-sin), Denmark, to Ulrik and Kirsten Cappelen. **Father, Ulrik, was a member of the Danish national pro soccer team before retiring in 1993-4, playing more than 350 games in his career**. Ulrik now works in commercial insurance; Kirsten is a public schoolteacher.
* Has two siblings, Frederik and Caroline. Frederik works in real estate in Copenhagen and Caroline goes to university in Denmark.
* Entire family still lives in Denmark. Sebastian tries to make it back to Denmark at least a year. Misses the rye bread a lot!
* Attended St. Knuds Gymnasium high school in Odense. His parents also put Sebastian and his brother in a Waldorf arts school during their elementary school days– in the third grade, every student learned how to play the violin. In the fifth grade, they had to choose a second instrument- Sebastian chose the flute, but around the same time also picked up how to play the piano, which is still a huge passion of his. **Sebastian calls playing the piano his “zen moment,” and regularly plays on one of the two pianos he has at home in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.** **Loves classical music and says that when he plays “everything else around me is non-existent.”**
* Played soccer growing up but didn’t like playing a team sport as much as he enjoyed playing golf. Grandpa got him into golf, and by the time Sebastian was 13, he noticed that his golf game really improved over the course of that year- he went from a 14 handicap to a 3 handicap. At that point he decided to stop playing soccer and focus on pursuing his passion for golf. Sebastian’s dad was supportive of his golf career and always encouraged him to pursue the sport he wanted to play.
* On why he decided to focus only on golf: “I wanted to create my own success but also be responsible for my own failure. That’s when I decided that I really liked golf. I liked that it was an individual sport so I knew if I won, it’s because I played good; it wasn’t because other guys did a good job and I was just watching.”
* **Earliest golf memory was holing a 7-iron for his first birdie from 110 yards when he was about 10, using a kids Taylormade club (ironically enough, Taylormade is now his equipment sponsor!).** His grandma and grandpa were there to witness the hole out.
* Sebastian’s grandpa would drive him around the country to junior tournaments, and the duo had a blast. Sebastian says that his grandpa was an awesome travel companion- his grandpa would always try to forecaddie and took this responsibility very seriously. He would feel badly whenever he lost one of Sebastian’s golf balls!
* Played on Denmark’s junior national team and competed against many current TOUR players- notably Shane Lowry, Thomas Pieters, Tommy Fleetwood, Eddie Pepperell. Says that England had a really strong team.
* Attended University of Arkansas – Four time All-American.
* Was recruited to Arkansas when the assistant coach at the time, Layne Sevoie (who currently works with Jason Dufner) was in Denmark on a recruiting trip. Sebastian never visited any other school – “I didn’t need to see anything else but here,” he said.
* Cappelen was teammates with Austin Cook
* Had visited the United States two previous times before attending college at Arkansas- first trip was when he was eight years old for a 3-month road trip with his family; second trip was another long road trip a few years later, for 5 weeks.
* **As a junior in 2013, overcame a four-stroke deficit to win the SEC men's golf individual championship at Sea Island Golf Club in St. Simons, Georgia (host of the RSM Classic).** Played the final 40 holes in 8-under-par and without a bogey, and in the final round hit every green in regulation on a day when winds were blowing 20-30 miles per hour. Cappelen beat many players who are now currently on TOUR- fellow PGA TOUR rookie Tyler McCumber finished T3, Trey Mullinax finished 9th, Dominic Bozzelli finished T20, Austin Cook finished T31 (Cook went on to win the RSM Classic in 2017 for his first TOUR win), Keith Mitchell finished T31, among the notable players in the field. Full leaderboard [here](https://www.ghintpp.com/BAMAGOLF/TPPOnlineScoring/ResultsStroke.aspx?type=players&id=126).
* Played for the European Palmer Cup team three times (2011, 2012, 2013)
* Turned pro right after the 2014 NCAA Championship. [**Won in his first Korn Ferry Tour start at the 2014 Wichita Open**](http://www.pgatour.com/korn-ferry-tour/video/2014/06/22/sebastian-cappelen-interview-after-winning-air-capital-classic.html)**after Monday qualifying- this win was the first Korn Ferry Tour title by a Denmark native.**
* Earned his second Korn Ferry Tour title nearly five years later at the REX Hospital Open, erasing a four-stroke deficit on Sunday.
* **Earned his PGA TOUR card for the 2019-2020 season at the very same place as his first win – in Wichita, Kansas.**After earning a spot in the first five-man playoff in Tour history, failed to advance after making par on the first extra hole. The T2 finish was good enough to secure his first career PGA TOUR card for the 2019-20 season.
* Sebastian jokes that he is the all-time money leader in Wichita, earning him the nickname Mr. Wichita!
* **Family**
* **Met his**[**wife, Audrey**](https://www.instagram.com/p/B2xoZgmlgSR/)**, at the University of Arkansas**. They were apartment neighbors and Sebastian also had a class with Audrey’s roommate. At the time, Sebastian had a little black lab puppy named Rosie, and whenever Sebastian would travel to golf tournaments, Audrey would take care of the pup.
* Sebastian and Audrey currently live in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, inside the TPC Sawgrass development.

* **Interests/hobbies/quirks**
* **Big Formula 1 fan** - Would like to trade places for a day with Sebastian Vettel of Formula 1 fame. Bucket list includes driving a Formula 1 car.
* **Loves playing the piano- Learned how to play while attending an arts elementary school in Denmark. Has two pianos at his home in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.**
* **Additional hobbies include skiing and cars**.
* **Would like to sky dive one day.**
* **If not a golfer, would be an economist**. Has a degree in Economics with a minor in Finance from the University of Arkansas. Says he constantly applies his economics degree to his job as a professional golfer, knowing how to make rational vs. irrational decisions. “If I had to hit this shot 10 times, what shot is going to give me the lowest score? That’s applied economics.”
* **Cooking-** Sebastian and Audrey love cooking and consider themselves “wine snobs.” Everywhere they go they try to find some cool food experience, whether it’s a local place, hole-in-the-wall, or a fine dining set menu. When they’re home they like to experiment with different flavors and ingredients- go-to dish to cook is marinated flank steaks.
* **Favorite teams** are the Arkansas Razorbacks, New England Patriots (mainly because he is a Tom Brady fan) and Liverpool F.C. Also a tennis fan. Likes Roger Federer.
* **Favorite places to visit** include Atalaya, Turkey, and Egypt.
* **TV Shows**- Sebastian and Audrey are Netflix fans and are fans of Minehunter, Game of Thrones, Succession, Breaking Bad. They also liked to watch funny shows like The Office and Friends.
* **Fashion**- Huge shoes guy.

**Tim Wilkinson**

* Wilkinson was born in [Palmerston North](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palmerston_North), New Zealand
* Wilkinson is naturally right-handed, but plays golf left-handed.
* He was educated at [St Peter's College](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_Peter%27s_College%2C_Palmerston_North).
* Learned the game by hitting a 6-iron around the playground at his old school. First broke par at age 15.
* “I played cricket to the point where I was considered a pretty good player. And I really enjoyed soccer. But my club offered free golf lessons one day, so I gave that a try. I was about 12-13 years old at the time. That's a little late to start golfing, and since I'm a lefty, I didn't even have a full bag of lefty clubs for my first few years of playing. But I really took to the game and had some nice early success.”
* He currently resides in Jacksonville Beach, FL
* He won the New Zealand Stroke Play Championship in 2000 and turned professional in 2003.
* Wilkinson has been on the PGA TOUR before, highlighted by a 3rd place finish at the 2008 Zurich Classic, and a runner-up in the Texas Open the same year.
* "After I finished 17, I saw I was two behind. I was going to lay it up, and I thought, you know, [you only come to win](https://www.pgatour.com/news/2008/06/25/wilkinsonrookie.html). So I hit a driver." -- On going for an eagle on the 72nd hole at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans.
* Wilkinson had the chance to [represent New Zealand](https://www.golfchannel.com/article/golf-central-blog/seventh-player-withdraws-name-olympics) in the 2016 Olympics, but denied it.
* “Representing your country would be good. When you have a family and things like that, keeping your card, keeping your career going, at my age, is slightly more important,” Wilkinson said last month at the Wells Fargo Championship. “But it would be a great honor.”
* Favorite players growing up were Faldo & Norman

**Sepp Straka**

Things to Know

* Born Josef “Sepp” Straka
* First Austrian-born player to earn PGA TOUR membership
* Was born in Austria and lived in Vienna until he was 14 and his family moved to Valdosta, Georgia.
* Mother is American who traveled to Austria to be with her boyfriend who was designing a golf course in Salzburg. Their relationship didn’t last, but she loved the country so much she stayed. She was working in a golf shop when she sold a golf glove her future husband, Sepp’s father.
* Teammates with Keith Mitchell while at UGA. (We have photos).  Was a co-captain with Lee McCoy his senior season at the University of Georgia. Still very involved with UGA, a diehard Dawgs football fan.
* As a Senior at Georgia, helped the Bulldogs claim the program's 29th SEC Championship and was named Second-Team All-SEC by the leagues coaches.
* Has a twin fraternal brother, Sam, who also plays golf. Both brothers were on the golf team at the University of Georgia (We have photos).
* Atlanta Braves fan.

**Tom Hoge**

**Things to Know**

* Lives in Fargo, ND
* Graduated from TCU
* Wife- Kelly
* Won the 2011 Players Cup on the Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada
* Shared the 36-hole lead with Tiger Woods at the 2015 Wyndham Championship

**Alex Noren**

Things to Know

* Alex was born in Stockholm Sweden, where he still currently resides with his wife, Jennifer, and their two-year-old daughter Iris. Alex is known by his peers as a true family man, spending any spare time he has with his wife, daughter and their other relatives in Sweden.
* Best 2019 finish came at the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play (T17)
* Noren has a unique pre-swing routine. It’s been [compared to other athletes](https://www.golfdigest.com/story/joey-votto-channels-alex-noren-with-odd-looking-pre-swing-routine-promptly-strikes-out) swing routines in other sports such as the Cincinnati Reds first baseman, Joey Votto.
* 10-time European Tour winner and splits his time between Europe and the PGA TOUR.
* Endured a significant injury in his left wrist and was out of play for most of 2014. At that point, he was breaking into the top 50 in the world and then dropped to 700 after his injury. When he came back, he had a new-found motivation in his life, future-wife, Jennifer Kovacs. Alex credits much of his comeback to her and their daughter. Noren himself admits that the birth of Iris shifted his perspective: “Fatherhood gave me something extra in life,” he said.
* The birth of Iris came a year or so after the health scare where Noren hit so many balls he developed tendinitis in both wrists missing the majority of the 2014 season.
* He played collegiately at Oklahoma State, where he started as a freshman and was a two-time All-American selection. His teammates included Hunter Mahan and Pablo Martin. Hunter and Alex are friendly and always express nice sentiments towards one another, but aren’t close friends.
* Grew up playing all sports before his attention focused on golf at age 8. Made first hole-in-one at age 12. However, if he weren't a golfer, he says he would want to be a F1 driver.

**Sungjae Im**

* His parents (Ji Taek Im and Mi Kim) have followed him to every tournament on the Korn Ferry Tour and PGA TOUR in the 2018 and 2019 season.
* Does not have a permanent place of residence and has been living a nomadic lifestyle, moving from hotel to hotel, since 2018. He's still looking to buy a house in the Atlanta area.
* Played 25 of the 27 Korn Ferry Tour events in 2018 and made 35 starts on TOUR in his rookie season (most of any player in the 2018-19 Season). Skipped only two events where he was qualified to play (2019 Puerto Rico Open and 2019 Barracuda Championship).
* Became the only rookie to reach the 2019 TOUR Championship, among 23 in the 2018-19 season.
* Became the first player since Stewart Cink (1996-97) as the only players to be named the Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year and PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year in consecutive season (pictures in folder)
* A day after winning the Arnold Palmer Award for 2019 Rookie of the Year, made the first ace of the 2019-20 season with a hole-in-one at a Military Tribute at the Greenbrier (223-yard, 15th hole). Became the first player since Tiger Woods to make multiple aces on the PGA TOUR before the age of 22. \**pictures of ace from Greenbrier and PLAYERS included in photos folder.*
* Became the fourth youngest player in the history of the PGA TOUR to qualify for the TOUR Championship. Only trails behind Jordan Spieth (2013,2014) and Si Woo Kim (2016)
* Never plays a No. 4 golf ball, because the word sounds like the word “death” in Korean.
* Recorded eight top-10s in 25 starts during the 2018 Korn Ferry Tour season, highlighted by three runner-up finishes and two victories (The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandles Bay and WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by Kraft-Heinz).
* Became the first player since 1990 to win the first and last event of the Korn Ferry Tour’s Regular Season.

Became the first player in Korn Ferry Tour history to go wire-to-wire atop the money list for the entire season (27 weeks

**Brendon Todd**

Things to Know

* Moved from Pittsburgh to NC at age 11.
* Played junior golf at Prestonwood Country Club in Cary, NC (host of SAS Championship and Jimmy V Celebrity Golf Classic)
* Won NC High School 4A individual championship in freshman, junior at senior seasons at Green Hope High School
* Grew up playing against Webb Simpson in the Raleigh area
* Attended University of Georgia (PLAYING IN FL/GA GAME YESTERDAY) and was a four-time All-American; won 2005 National Championship.
* Became first player on Korn Ferry Tour to ace the same hole twice in the same tournament (2009 Athens Regional Foundation Classic … no longer)
* Married to Rachel and has a son, Oliver; they live in Atlanta
* Fan of Georgia Bulldogs, Pittsburgh Steelers and Atlanta Braves
* His swing/mental coach is his caddie.
* He got his game back by focusing on hitting the ball squarely with the club
* If he didn’t get his card he was going to go into the pizza franchise business

**Wes Roach**

Things to Know

* Born in Knoxville; still lives there
* Went to Duke University; named to 2010 Academic All-ACC team
* Wife, Sarah and two daughters
* Parents are Bill and Hanley Roach (Bill is a golf course manager). His brother, Bill Jr., played collegiately at Tulane.
* Was seven or eight when he started playing competitively; his Dad had him hitting the golf ball as soon as he could walk
* Was state champion in golf at Webb School of Knoxville
* Earned all-region honors in basketball in high school as a sophomore. Fan of Derrick Rose (Detroit Pistons)
* Has never had a hole-in-one (doesn’t count one from a par-3 course)
* Lettered in golf five times in high school at Webb School of Knoxville (was a member of the varsity team as an eighth grader)
* Four-time All-Region and All-State, and won a state championship as a senior

**Paul Casey**

**Things to Know**

* Extremely proud of how he’s sustained his career over many years; becoming one of the fittest players on TOUR
* Avid wine consumer and cyclist. Has eclectic hobbies beyond golf.

**Background**

* Lives in Paradise Valley, Arizona; grew up in Weybridge, England
* Attended Arizona State
* In 2010 was inducted into the Arizona State University Sports Hall of Fame

**Family**

* Married to Pollyanna Woodward a former TV personality and model in England / father of two children Lex Samuel (9/1/14), Astaria Noelle (9/11/17)
* Paul met his wife Polly at charity function during the 2011 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. They were set up by Formula One legend Eddie Jordan.

**Charitable Activities**

* UNICEF ambassador: For every birdie he records in tournament play, he will give $100 to UNICEF to fight famine and food crisis. All funds will be donated to UNICEF USA in support of UNICEF’s lifesaving work, focusing on alleviating food insecurity and treating children with severe acute malnutrition.

**Inner Circle**

* Swing coach: Peter Kostis
* Caddie: Johnny “Long Socks” McLaren who caddied for Luke Donald when Donald was World No. 1

**Storytelling content**

* [Ronan piece at Valspar](https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=305610630123571)
* [Johnny Longsocks article from Valspar](https://www.pgatour.com/beyond-the-ropes/2019/03/20/18-things-john-mclaren-caddie-gives-insight-on-partnership-with-paul-casey-valspar-championship.html)
* [Paul and Johnny, their relationship, the socks](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/vcvbpfh3bo8u8z8/AAA4MDlsTZWOhQNukXcr4FRDa?dl=0&preview=Paul+Casey+and+John+McLaren%27s+unique+relationship.mp4)

**Tony Finau**

Things to Know

* First Tongan and Samoan member of the PGA TOUR.
* Primary goal for 2019 is to make Presidents Cup Team. “It’s one of my biggest goals I have all year, to be on that team. Not only to be on the team, but to have Tiger as the captain is extremely special.”
* Tony grew up in Tonga, playing rugby, cricket and football. When he moved to the U.S. at age 12, he fell in love with basketball and boxing. Tony was a standout basketball player (center) on his high school team and averaged 10.8 points and 12 rebounds per game as a senior.
* Despite scholarship offers to play college basketball, decided to pursue golf. Announced his decision to turn professional at the age of 17, on his high school graduation day.
* First golf memory was watching Tiger Woods at the 1997 Masters “To see him do what he did, I could relate to him. Obviously, how exciting he was, but someone with a bit of color playing this game. That’s when I was like, maybe I can play golf. If he can do it, so can I.”
* Monday qualified for the Greater Milwaukee Open in 2007 at the age of 17 and made the cut, finishing T70. Led the field in Driving Distance (331.6 yards). See enclosed story from the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel for details: Finau at the 2007 Greater Milwaukee Open
* Caught widespread, viral attention at the 2018 Masters when he popped his ankle out of its socket, and then back in place, while celebrating an ace during Wednesday’s Par-3 Contest.

Background

* Hometown is Salt Lake City, Utah; current residence is Scottsdale, AZ
* Father got Tony and his brother, Gipper, started in golf, despite not knowing anything about the game. Gary would set a mattress in the family’s garage into which the kids would hit balls.
* To help pay for and keep his son involved with the game of golf, Tony’s father, who migrated to the U.S. from Tonga at the age of 12, often worked double shifts as an airport baggage handler to make extra money.
* To pay for travel expenses for junior golf tournaments, Tony would raise money by performing fire-knife dances, a Polynesian tradition. Scars and burns on his forearms remain visible today. “Fire knife dancing. It’s just a stick with knives at the end. We wrap towels around the knives that you can light on fire, and you spin it around and (see) whoever can do the best tricks. It’s a warrior dance back in the islands of Samoa. My mom taught me how to do it.”

Family

* Wife: Alayna; Jraice (2011), Leilene (2012), Tony, Jr. (2015), Sage (2016); Alayna played high school and college volleyball
* Parents: mother, Ravena (deceased); father, Kelepi (Gary); Ravena passed away on November 27, 2011, in a car accident. Tony was 22, and already a professional golfer on mini Tours. A day after Ravena’s death, Alayna gave birth to their first son, Jraice.
* Tony is the oldest of seven children in his family.
* Gipper, his brother, remains the youngest player to ever make a cut on the Korn Ferry Tour, having done so in Utah at the age of 16 years, 20 days.
* Cousin, Jabari Parker, a professional basketball player, was selected with the No. 2 overall pick by the Milwaukee Bucks in 2014.

Interests

* Playing guitar; cooking. Said if he wasn’t a professional golfer, would pursue cooking as a profession.
* Member of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints.

Charity

* Founded Tony Finau Foundation, designed to expose the game of golf (and its integrity) to children and their families. Includes educational funding, scholarships, practice facility and mentoring to underprivileged children. Second annual “Tony Finau Foundation Dinner Gala” was held in Hawaii in 2018. Also hosts an annual Tony Finau Foundation golf tournament in Utah.
* Involved with The First Tee of Utah; Was keynote speaker at the [2019 First Tee of Utah’s annual charity gala](https://www.pgatour.com/impact/2019/01/14/tony-finau-proud-participant-the-first-tee-utah-beyond-the-green-gala.html).

Storytelling content

* Young Mexican golfer inside-the-ropes at Mayakoba
* [Clip of the Up & Down with Bill Patterson (Volunteer at WMPO)](https://twitter.com/PGATOUR/status/1163833414732124160)
* [And a Drop Box link the footage from above](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/d58uezv3osd9322/AABcTqf5FwMTdgbKIjEeUTdva?dl=0)

**Hank Lebioda**

**Personal**

Birthplace: Winter Park, Florida

Residence: Winter Park, Florida

Family: Wife, Mary

**Background**

* Grew up in Winter Park, Florida (suburb of Orlando) ...still lives in the Orlando area.
* FSU’s career leader in birdies and under-par rounds (76), won 2016 ACC Player of the Year honors at FSU, 2013 ACC Freshman of the Year, four-time All-ACC, teammates with Daniel Berger. Loves watching the Noles on Saturdays. Was ranked No. 4 junior in the country heading into Florida State according to GolfWeek. Named AJGA Rolex All-American as a senior. Tied for 9th at the 2011 US Junior Amateur.
* Earned his way to the PGA TOUR through Mackenzie Tour (won the 2017 Mackenzie Investments Open), PGA TOUR Latinoamerica, Korn Ferry Tour.
* Admired Sam Saunders growing up because they played on the same high school golf team at Trinity. Sam was seven years older but having the type of junior golf success and college success that Hank wanted one day so he always looked up to him...They’ve since established a relationship and Sam reached out to Hank about a potential sponsor’s invite into Bay Hill.
* Baseball – played baseball growing up but chose baseball over football when he was a freshman in high school. Batted .407 as a freshman on the varsity team at Trinity Prep but quit for golf.
* 25 – Last guy in the 25 to get his card in Portland.  Played on the PGA TOUR Latinoamerica and PGA TOUR Canada before Korn Ferry Tour. Won on the Mackenzie Tour.
* Crohn’s Disease – has Crohn’s disease, which he found out freshman year at FSU (December 2012) and had him unable to get out of bed at one point. Thanks to some experimental treatments, was able to find a solution without surgery that enabled him to get back to golf. Still receives a shot weekly in his guts on Thursdays.
* Diet – avoids fried foods, very limited alcohol, no fast food or spicy foods, limited coffee to fight his Crohn’s Disease. Drew has been in touch with MD Anderson about potentially doing something with Hank.

**Family**

* Married to Mary on December 15, 2018. She was a former elementary school teacher and yoga instructor. They met in psychology class first semester at Florida State. She travels with him on TOUR now.
* Mary is one of eight kids in her family, so Hank and her now have a lot of nieces and nephews that they love spending time with when they are not on the road.
* With his wife, wants to get involved with volunteering at the Arnold Palmer Hospital and Winnie Palmer Hospital in Orlando.
* Tries to go to church every single Sunday with Mary.
* Dad – Father, Dr. David Lebioda, who was an offensive lineman in Division II football, took him to golf when he was 2. Would bribe him with ice cream to get him to go to the golf course with him. Father is a retired gastroenterologist, who owned his own private practice. Mother – Virginia. Mother – Virginia.
* Lived next door to Lake Nona Country Club.

**Outside Interests/Hobbies**

* Florida State Seminoles...diehard Seminoles football fan. Would be interested in going on FSU related podcasts.
* Cooking, video games, movies, reading, working out
* Loves country music and listens to all country music. Specifically, likes Jake Owen and has been to a bunch of his concerts.
* **Heroes**– Derek Jeter, Michael Jordan, Tiger Woods.

**Charitable activities/Foundation**

* Fighter for invisible diseases and wants to be a role model for kids with invisible diseases. Wants to go to the Arnold Palmer Children’s Hospital during the API to visit kids.
* Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation – wants to do more with them. Drew’s been trying to get in touch with them. Credibility International is going to donate $25 for birdie to the Colitis Foundation during the season for Hank.
* Donated Clothing – recently donated all his FootJoy gear to a salvation army for veterans

**Max Homa**

* Known in the golf Twitter world for his quick wit and funny comments on the platform. **San Francisco golf writer Ron Kroichick scottdescribes Homa as “honest and funny and sarcastic, a Millennial with a splash of Seinfeld-like randomness and one of the most entertaining follows in golf.” Some good one-liners from Homa include:**
* **“I don’t use a green reading book because if I did, I wouldn’t be able to blame my cadd when Iie missed.”**
* **“If you’re not planning out a meal to make sure the last bite is the best bite, you’re doing it wrong.”**
* **“Becoming an adult starts with getting a Costco membership. Anything after that can vary.”**
* **Homa, as it turns out, did stand-up comedy for his eighth-grade talent show while growing up in Valencia (Los Angeles County). He has some comedy genes in his family; one cousin writes for television and routinely posts short, humorous videos on YouTube.**
* 2013 NCAA Individual Champion at Cal-Berkeley after birdieing three of the last five holes to come from behind and overtake Jon Rahm. **(He is friends with Rahm today).** Has spent time as a volunteer coach helping the Cal-Berkeley team.
* Huge Los Angeles Lakers and Los Angeles Dodgers fan and Pittsburgh Steelers (father is from Pittsburgh). **The TOUR has footage of him meeting Tommy Lasorda and running the bases at Dodger Stadium.**
* Plays pickup basketball in the offseason. In fact, his favorite sport was basketball growing up but he was better at golf.
* His best friend Peter Pappageorge’s mother Kathy has Alzheimer’s, so it’s become a cause close to Max’s heart. Max’s grandmother also had Alzheimer’s. During the Valero Texas Open, Max wore purple to support Alzheimer’s awareness and donated per eagle and birdie to End Alzheimer’s.
* Enjoys doing broadcasting - Spent time broadcasting for Fox Sports already.
* Switched coaches in summer of 2017, going back to Les Johnson, a coach from his hometown who he had worked with while he was at Cal but had taken a two-year break from.
* Birdied the final 4 holes in Portland to make the cut on the number...if he had not made the cut, he would have fallen $96 short of earning a Korn Ferry Tour Finals berth, where he earned his PGA TOUR card for this year.
* Lifelong friends with Jason Gore, who is also from Valencia, California where Homa is from and often plays golf with Max’s dad.
* Played in the 2013 Walker Cup with Justin Thomas and called Thomas before Q School in 2017 after losing his PGA TOUR card and having to go back to second stage of Korn Ferry Tour Q School. Advanced through.
* Frequently plays in an offseason and off week game with Phil Mickelson, Charley Hoffman, Brendan Steele and John Mallinger. Phil sent him a text congratulating him after he won Rust-Oleum in 2016.
* Homa remembers attending the 1998 Genesis Open, hoping to see Tiger win. Tiger went into a Playoff with Billy Mayfair and he thought the playoff would go two holes and wanted to be able to see so he ran to the second hole hoping to see Tiger win, but Mayfair won on the 1st playoff hole. When he couldn’t get a Tiger autograph because of the mob of fans, his dad pointed out Payne Stewart behind him and Homa had a 15-minute conversation as a 7-year-old with Payne, which he says is one of his favorite memories as a kid.
* Played on a short course with 10 of his best friends growing up called “Chica” in Valencia.
* Loves Outback Steakhouse – favorite restaurant chain
* Loves In N Out Burger
* **Is a huge Game of Thrones fan.**
* **Just got married to Lacey Croom.**
* **From Sean Martin:**
* **Interesting parallels and diversions between Max and Justin Thomas. They were on the same Walker Cup team and both made their pro debut on the PGA TOUR at the 2013 Safeway Open. Max finished T9. Justin was T72. They both played the Korn Ferry Tour the next season and earned their PGA TOUR card after that season.**
* **Max got worse while trying to get better, though. In the 2017 PGA TOUR season, Max missed 15 of 17 cuts and was +61 for the season. He earned only $18K that season. "I think I made more money in the pro-ams on Monday than I did in the tournaments," he said.**
* **He went back to looking at his amateur days to prove to himself that he was indeed good enough to play out here. And he looks back to being able to at least hang with JT as proof.**
* **"We played same Walker Cup team. Got to play some practice rounds with him, played Web the first year with him. And obviously I know Justin is far superior, but I also knew that like my good golf was somewhat similar," Max said. "I've played with a lot of players that are doing pretty well out here and I used to hang around them a little bit, so I know I'm good at this. It's just kind of been a steady climb of getting my game back and also the confidence and the comfortability out here. That was the hardest part and I'm actually starting to feel that a little bit."**