

## **ONE SHOT AWAY – EPISODE #3**

### COLD OPEN

CEDRIC: Cedric the Entertainer. Look at that gallery guys. I wanted a round of applause.

Hey what's up it's Cedric the Entertainer. I'm here in Greenville, South Carolina. My good friend Anthony Anderson invited me. One of the most exciting tournaments you can get invited to, man. It's a big deal. They do a lot of great work for a lot of really wonderful charities. Here to show support, show off my amazing golf skills as you'll see after we edit it.

I'm here man, that's it. Let's turn up. Let's Go!

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### SHOW OPEN

ANNC: PGA TOUR cards up for grabs.

**THESE ARE THE PGA TOUR'S PROVING GROUNDS.**

ANNC: Can you step up and make one of the most important putts of your career?

ANNC: A TOUR level test.

SOT: You just gotta really grind. Staying consistent. Staying patient.

**IN A GRUELING SEASON.**

ANNC: It is gut wrenching for those guys out here.

ANNC: Seems to be in shock a little bit. What just happened.

TOUR hopefuls, sharpened into champions.

SOT: If we put in a next 4 or 5 months, we've got a great chance to be where we want to be and that's on the PGA TOUR.

ANNC: The singular goal remains the same, to earn a PGA TOUR card.

**ON THE KORN FERRY TOUR, THEY ARE ALL... JUST ONE SHOT AWAY.**

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### INTRO

**THE END OF THE SEASON IS IN SIGHT FOR PLAYERS ON THE KORN FERRY TOUR. WITH OPPORTUNITIES DWINDLING TO MOVE INTO THE 25 AND TAKE**

**ONE STEP CLOSER TO A PGA TOUR CARD, EVERYONE IS FEELING THE PRESSURE.**

**DYLAN WU FINDS HIMSELF JUST OUTSIDE THE 25, WHILE CALLUM TARREN AND CHARLIE SAXON HAVE SIGNIFICANT WORK TO DO TO CLIMB THE LIST.**

**MITO PEREIRA AND GREYSON SIGG'S FUTURES WITH THE PGA TOUR ARE SECURED, AS OTHER PLAYERS LIKE ROBERTO DÍAZ AND NICK HARDY KNOW THAT A WIN WOULD CEMENT TOUR MEMBERSHIP.**

#### EVANS SCHOLARS INVITATIONAL INTRO

NAT: From Northbrook, Illinois... Nick Hardy.

**OFF THE BACK OF A TOP 5 FINISH, ILLINOIS NATIVE NICK HARDY WAS LOOKING TO MAKE A SPLASH AT THE EVANS SCHOLARS INVITATIONAL, PRESENTED BY FIRST MIDWEST BANK.**

ANNC: Big day for Nick Hardy and Illinois Boy and doing the folks here are proud.

**HARDY STARTED STRONG SHOOTING 64 AND THEN 69 TO ENTER THE WEEKEND TRAILING LEADER CAMERON YOUNG BY 1 SHOT.**

HARDY: I've played a lot of golf here. Grew up five minutes away. There's a lot of people out here who mean a lot to me. Obviously, I want to play well in front of them. I've just gotta enjoy it as much as I can.

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#### NICK HARDY AT HOME WITH PARENTS

HARDY: When people ask me how many hole in ones I have, I say do you count a par 3 course or do you not? When I was 11 years old, I had my first hole in one on number 6 here. I have 5 on regulation size courses, so it's either 5 or 17 depending on which you count.

HARDY SR: 17 baby.

HARDY: This is where I learned the game of golf, playing out here with my dad starting when I was four, five years old.

HARDY SR: Be good baby.

HARDY: When I was 14, 15, 16 years old he was probably a one handicap. One handicap is really good but now he's not playing as much...

HARDY SR: Oh that's terrible.

HARDY: But look he's got 20 feet for par, I think you're still away.

HARDY SR: Nice putt, mark it

HARDY: I remember when I was like 9, 10, 11 years old I would ride over here with my bike and carry my clubs on my back. Usually I'd play in the morning whether it be alone or my friends and then in the afternoons hang out with my friends and go to a baseball game.

HARDY SR: We basically had a 30 degree rule, where we would come out and play as long as it was above 30 degrees and there was winters where there was no snow on the ground and of course the course was closed, but we would play all the time.

He shot 21, it's par 27 obviously, and on the last hole he had like a 15 footer that he hit dead center, hit the back of the cup and did not go in and on the way home, after breaking the course record, he wouldn't even speak he was so mad.

HARDY SR: Nick's geared his life around getting better at this game and he's doing everything he can do to get better. As parents that's comforting, whenever it happens, it happens for him. And you know what, I happen to believe he's on the verge of greatness.

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#### EVANS SCHOLARS INVITATIONAL WRAP

#### **FOLLOWING MOVING DAY, HARDY FOUND HIMSELF IN THE FINAL PAIRING SUNDAY TRAILING CAMERON YOUNG BY 4 STROKES.**

NATS: From Scarborough, New York... Cameron Young.

#### **YOUNG, WHO WAS THE WIRE-TO-WIRE WINNER AT THE ADVENT-HEALTH CHAMPIONSHIP THE WEEK PRIOR, WAS LOOKING TO BECOME JUST THE 10<sup>TH</sup> PLAYER IN KORN FERRY TOUR HISTORY TO WIN BACK-TO-BACK TOURNAMENTS.**

YOUNG: I'm pretty happy out there. I'm very comfortable. I've made a few little changes with the putter and it's just bleeding all the way through the bag.

#### **HARDY SHOT A FINAL DAY 72.**

HARDY: I definitely had the crowd, but I wasn't getting the crowd involved at all for the first 9 holes.

#### **AND HAD TO SETTLE FOR A T-5 FINISH AS YOUNG PLAYED HIS WAY INTO THE HISTORY BOOKS.**

YOUNG: There was always the thought. Once you kinda prove to yourself you can do it, you might be able to do it again, so here we are.

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REX HOSPITAL OPEN INTRO

**THE KORN FERRY TOUR'S VISIT IN THE CAROLINAS BEGAN WITH A STOP IN RALEIGH FOR THE REX HOSPITAL OPEN WHERE MITO PEREIRA CAME IN RIDING A WAVE OF 3 TOP 10S IN HIS LAST 4 STARTS.**

**FIRING A CAREER LOW 62 IN THE OPENING ROUND....**

PEREIRA: Play from the tee, irons the same as other weeks, but I'd made every putt, so felt like, easy golf day. Shot 9 under there. It was a great start to get on top of the leaderboard at that moment.

PEREIRA: You can go low the first day and second day, you have done a lot of the work on Thursday and Friday and it's a good push to have a good week.

**ALSO LOOKING TO HAVE A GOOD WEEK AT THE COUNTRY CLUB AT WAKEFIELD PLANTATION WAS A NEW FACE TO THE KORN FERRY TOUR...**

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MULBE DILLARD

DILLARD: So I am Mulbe Dillard, the 4<sup>th</sup> actually. I'm from Chicago, Illinois and started playing golf when I was about 2 years old, tournament golf when I was 5 or 6 and I've been playing ever since.

When I was a freshman in college, I started playing on the Advocates Professional Golf Association. Middle of my junior year was when the first rankings came out and after my junior year I was in the number one position and then I ended up playing well again this season and we made it to regionals NCAA and I ended up finishing in the number one position again.

**AS THE TOP RANKED GOLFER IN THE APGA COLLEGIATE RANKING, DILLARD EARNED HIMSELF A SPONSOR EXEMPTION AT THE REX HOSPITAL OPEN, HIS FIRST PROFESSIONAL START.**

DILLARD: I'm so excited to be out here, it's an amazing experience. I don't really have much to lose, this is my first event and so I'm going to leave it all out there on the course and see what I can do.

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REX HOSPITAL OPEN WRAP

**DESPITE A MISSED CUT, DILLARD PICKED UP PRO EXPERIENCE THAT WILL HELP AS HE CONINUES HIS CAREER... CHARLIE SAXON OPENED WITH A 64**

**TO EARN A SHARE OF 4<sup>TH</sup> BEFORE A 2<sup>ND</sup> ROUND 75 ENDED HIS TOURNAMENT EARLY.**

SAXON: Weird week. It was frustrating. Anytime you open with 64 you're going to be in a good spot moving forward and to turn around and shoot 75 was a little bit deflating. I feel like I've been playing some nice golf. I'm trying to chalk it up to one of those weird days and move forward.

**MITO PEREIRA CONTINUED HIS STAY ATOP THE LEADERBOARD WITH A 67 IN THE 2<sup>nd</sup> ROUND FOLLOWED BY A 63 IN THE 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**PEREIRA ENTERED SUNDAY TIED FOR THE LEAD WITH STEPHAN JAEGER AND ANDREW NOVAK.... LOOKING TO SECURE A PGA TOUR CARD WITH A VICTORY.**

PEREIRA: Obviously I was nervous. Everybody gets nervous when you're fighting in the final pairing and you're close to winning a tournament. I think I managed it really well. I played solid golf. I think I missed one fairway missed one green. Didn't make every putt but I think from eight feet in, I made every putt. Didn't make any bogeys either Saturday and Sunday. So, my golf was solid and I think I deserved to win.

**PEREIRA AND JAEGER EACH WENT 4 UNDER IN THEIR FINAL ROUND WITH JAEGER SINKING A 15 FOOT PUTT ON 18 TO FORCE A PLAYOFF.**

PEREIRA: He's a really good player. He has played on the PGA Tour. Won six times here. He knows how to win. He knows how to how to play. So, I had to make birdie to beat him. There is no other way. So, I really hit three good, really good shots. Hit my driver where I wanted. It was in perfect position. And then hit a really good shot. It was 110, I think. I hit my 60 with a little bit of adrenalin and I put it to like, four feet. It was a great hole.

**WITH THE VICTORY, PEREIRA SURPASSED THE 17-HUNDRED POINT THRESHOLD SECURING HIS PGA TOUR CARD FOR NEXT SEASON... SOMETHING HE WAS WELL ON HIS WAY TO EARNING LAST YEAR UNTIL THE PANDEMIC FORCED CHANGES TO THE KORN FERRY TOUR SEASON.**

PEREIRA: It's a big relief. Since we had the COVID, after Colombia and Panama and Mexico, I already had the points to get on the PGA TOUR, so, I was in the PGA TOUR and one week after I was out of the PGA TOUR, because I had to do it again. So it was it was a tough moments. I think I've worked a lot to get this TOUR card. It's a dream.

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**BMW CHARITY PRO-AM INTRO**

ANNC: Welcome to South Carolina as the Korn Ferry Tour is in the upstate for the BMW Charity Pro-Am, the 29<sup>th</sup> edition of this tournament.

ANNC: This week it is a pro-am. They gotta love it, the opportunity to play alongside some of the best and the future stars of the PGA TOUR.

**WHILE MANY CELEBRITY V.I.P.'S GOT A CHANCE TO TEE IT UP, CALLUM TARREN GOT THE V.I.P. TREATMENT AT THE BMW PERFORMANCE CENTER EARLIER IN THE WEEK.**

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CALLUM TARREN VISITS BMW PERFORMANCE CENTER

TARREN: I am a massive car guy. The BMW driving school experience, so excited to do this. BMW is an incredible brand. We did some handling in an M4. Body's a bit sore from hanging on for grim death-

INSTRUCTOR: The seat adjusted? You're good to go? Alright. I am going to give you a lead around the track. Let you see it. May just end up letting you chase me out there and I'll coach you as we do that.

TARREN: I'm quite a confident driver, but like anything you can always improve. We had an instructor who helped us navigate the handling track.

INSTRUCTOR: Racecar drivers are looking for ways to create straight lines in driving areas that way we can accelerate and brake in a straight line. Full throttle, straight line, full throttle, straight line, brake hard, there you go, look right. Smooth here, smooth around. Level out, level out. Now look at those cones and steer clear. No straight line through there. If you straight line you'll hit the cones. You hit 3 cones in a row there bud.

TARREN: Did I? Wow! Haha. This is insane.

TARREN: I'll tell you what hard work this. My lefty oblique is absolute ruined.

INSTRUCTOR: You're doing great Callum keep it up buddy.

TARREN: Are you alright Derek?

DEREK: Yeah it's all good.

TARREN: Derek's struggling in the back there. I love it.

INSTRUCTOR: Callum you're killing it I wish all my students responded like this.

TARREN: This is not my first rodeo boys. This thing is an absolute beast!

INSTRUCTOR: Ok we're going to do a little off-roading.

Our first obstacle is the water crossing and the first rule to the water crossing is no splashing. It's kinda like the kids pool.

Coming up next the frame bender. If you stop at just the right point on this, you can actually balance on two wheels. But if you go a half inch too far it will peter over.

We call this the extreme hill for reasons you cannot see. BRAKE! Ohhh. That's what we call the pucker effect. Hahaha. If you don't know what the pucker effect is I can tell ya off camera.

That was nice. Maintain stability going down the very steep incline.

TARREN: That's insane, isn't it? These vehicles are insanely impressive. We'll see a real driver in action.

INSTRUCTOR: Everybody belted up and ready? (yeah) You sure?

TARREN: The hot lap, I mean you get to ride with a professional driver, who's just incredible. I'd love to be able to drive just half the level he can. It was just insane.

That was unbelievable. Oh man. That's crazy. Absolutely wild. Thank you bud! Appreciate it. That was awesome, thank you!

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#### BMW CHARITY PRO-AM WRAP

#### **NICK HARDY RACED INTO THE TOP 5 AT THE BMW CHARITY PRO-AM PRESENTED BY SYNEX CORPORATION WITH A 63 AND 64 ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.**

ANNC: He's got the hot hand right now on the course and really a hot hand overall. Done everything but win.

HARDY: I'd like to build more momentum in my game and continue to give myself opportunities on the weekend to win tournaments. That's the next step for me and I'm looking forward to doing that.

#### **WITH A FINAL ROUND 70, NICK HARDY FINISHED T5 FOR HIS 3<sup>RD</sup> TOP-5 FINISH IN AS MANY STARTS.**

ANNC: One of the hottest players on the Korn Ferry Tour won last week on a playoff. That's his second win victory of the year. Finds himself 2<sup>nd</sup> on the points list.

#### **MITO PEREIRA ENTERED SATURDAY IN A TIE FOR 2<sup>ND</sup>.**

PEREIRA: I was just so focused on doing what I know that I didn't even feel if I was playing good or not. I just wanted to go and go to the next shot and keep the mind in the present.

ANNC: Mito Pereira looking for his 3<sup>rd</sup> this season in that 3-win promotion to head to the PGA TOUR.

**ENTERING SUNDAY, PEREIRA WAS 3 STROKES BEHIND THE LEADER JUSTIN LOWER.**

PEREIRA: I just wanted to play well. I mean I was playing so solid. I had a good start. Made birdie on 1 and 2 so that gave me a little bit of momentum but then I just knife one shot over the green on part three and it was like whoa, but I played so solidly and my mindset was just the same as every week. Try to do the best I can and try to keep my head in the present.

**PEREIRA PULLED EVEN WITH LOWER AFTER THE FRONT NINE AND RECORDED 4 BIRDIES ON THE BACK NINE TO TAKE A DECISIVE LEAD.**

PEREIRA: I kept fighting with my mind to just play the best you can and think that you already won. You never know what's gonna happen.

ANNC: Pack your bags Mito Pereira. You're going to the PGA TOUR!

**WITH THE WIN, PERIERA JOINS AN EXCLUSIVE CLUB BECOMING THE 12<sup>TH</sup> PLAYER IN KORN FERRY TOUR HISTORY TO EARN AUTOMATIC PROMOTION TO THE PGA TOUR VIA HIS 3<sup>RD</sup> VICTORY THIS SEASON.**

PEREIRA: I didn't even think I could win three times in this tour and right now I just won three times in one year I'm going to the PGA TOUR. This is by far the best thing that I've done in my life. And I just can't wait to get there and to play the best you can.

**HE IS JUST THE 3<sup>RD</sup> CHILEAN TO EARN A PGA TOUR CARD AND WILL JOIN FELLOW COUNTRYMAN JOAQUIN NIEMANN ON THE GAME'S BIGGEST STAGE.**

PEREIRA: It's going to be good for Chile to have to two Chileans there, more if we play well together.

PEREIRA: It's been a long ride. It's been tough moments, good moments, but it's all worth it.

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CHARLIE SAXON WITH TODD ANDERSON

ANDERSON: People at home don't need to do this because they all get slices anyway. You like hittin slices.

Yes. (There we go.) There we go.

SAXON: That's the old feel that I had. I used to feel like I just hit it with my right arm.

ANDERSON: When you put the ball between your arms, it slows down your forearm rotation, so he's got to feel like he keeps the ball in there as he goes through and kind of keeps the ball facing up to try to get rid of all the forearm rotation.

SAXON: It's a bit of a never-ending progression in terms of you know we're constantly trying to get better each day and ultimately that turns out into hopefully contending and playing golf on the highest level week after week

The golf swing's been good. It's been progressing. But we're still trying to take that next step of it.

I've been hitting that shot a ton. I just don't feel like you have any chance to cut it.

ANDERSON: Just a couple more.

Nice. So, the body's got a clear and the arms then the club. (Okay) You can't have the arms, shooting past the body.

SAXON: Todd and I we have worked together for 8 years or so and over those 8 years, found different things that we can get back to that make me strike the ball well. It can be repetitive sometimes but they always work.

ANDERSON: That's perfect there. See, that's what you want right there.

If you look at his physique you know he's a big strong kid but he's always been able to generate speed. When he's swinging well he has a lot of body rotation and he's able to to release the club in the proper sequence which is what all good ball strikers and all good long hitters do.

There we go. And we can take some of that out. (Okay) Do you see how just doing that drill and getting that sequence better? Because you said you weren't seeing enough curve to the right. We've got curve now

SAXON: That's what I love about TA he knows I'm a feel player and he tells me things and I have to translate them into my own feels.

ANDERSON: Same thing, get a little steeper going back. Good. Feel it right arm stay behind the shaft. There you go. Perfect. Same feel. There's your cut.

SAXON: Yeah I mean that's what we're going for.

ANDERSON: This is something you can do every day. (Okay)... when you're warming up,

SAXON: I wasn't swinging it very well going into that day and I came out with a clearer picture of what I needed to do.

ANDERSON: That's that to me is the perfect shot.

SAXON: And came out hitting the ball nicely so. It's always productive to get down there and see him it gets me on the right track.

ANDERSON: I think that's perfect right there.

SAXON: That's my shot.

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### WICHITA OPEN

**AFTER A PAIR OF WEEKS ON THE EAST COAST, THE KORN FERRY TOUR RETURNED TO THE HEARTLAND FOR THE WICHITA OPEN BENEFITTING KU WICHITA PEDIATRICS WHERE CALLUM TARREN HAD FOUND SOME SUCCESS IN THE PAST WITH 7 OF HIS 8 CAREER ROUNDS UNDER PAR**

TARREN (02:20:00) I like the golf course. // ~~I've had some decent rounds out there.~~ // It's one of them golf courses where you have to be aggressive and you have to go low. // Just keep shooting them under pard rounds and hopefully before long, them 3, 4, 5 unders turn into the 6, 7, 8s and that's when you can really start making moves up that leaderboard.

**AFTER 3 MORE ROUNDS UNDER PAR HAD TARREN INSIDE THE TOP 10 ENTERING SUNDAY, A 4 UNDER FINAL ROUND LANDED HIM IN A TIE FOR 5<sup>TH</sup>... HIS FIRST TOP-5 FINISH IN NEARLY A YEAR.**

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### THE 25 STANDINGS

**THE RESULT IN KANSAS MOVED CALLUM TARREN UP 4 SPOTS IN THE STANDINGS TO 40TH, WHILE CHARLIE SAXON SITS JUST INSIDE THE BUBBLE TO REACH THE FINALS AND NICK HARDY CONTINUES TO REMAIN FIRMLY INSIDE THE 25.**

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### CLOSE

**LESS THAN 10 TOURNAMENTS REMAIN IN THE QUEST TO CLAIM A CARD. AS THE SEASON'S END HEADS INTO OVERDRIVE, THE PRESSURE THAT THESE PLAYERS FEEL ONLY CONTINUES TO MOUNT EVERY WEEK.**

**YET MITO PEREIRA'S 3 VICTORY PROMOTION PROVED WHAT'S POSSIBLE ON THE KORN FERRY TOUR AND SERVES AS ADDED MOTIVATION FOR OTHERS SEEKING TO FULFILL THEIR OWN PGA TOUR DREAMS.**

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## ROLLOUT

HARDY: It's been my goal ever since I was a little kid. I've had my mind, my heart all set on being a PGA TOUR player.

SAXON: One shot at a time. Putting one foot forward after the other. Keep trusting it and knowing that it's all going to come together.

HARDY: As long as I keep putting myself in positions, I might just pop through.

**THE PURSUIT CONTINUES NEXT TIME ON ONE SHOT AWAY.**