

A1 – TEASE & TITLES

THESE GROUNDS – ARE RIPE.

THESE GROUNDS – ARE PURE.

MAC CARTER: Excited for the competition.

STOMPING GROUNDS – FOR THOSE OF THE SAME CHARACTERISTICS – TO MOLD THEIR GAME.

DEREK GILLESPIE: It's going to be fun to play golf again.

KEVIN GORDON: Excitement level is through the roof.

AN OUTLET FOR CANADA'S MOST PROMISING TALENTS – TO TAKE THEIR FIRST STEPS TOWARDS THE PINNACLE OF GOLF.

SAM MEEK: I'd love to get one of those cards at the end of the year.

AND FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS – OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN THERE - AND DONE THAT.

ANNC: Mackenzie Hughes has won the RSM Classic.

MACKENZIE HUGHES: You earn your stripes out there and you work hard to get to the ultimate goal of PGA TOUR.

CANADIAN GOLF'S MOST SIGNIFICANT PROVING GROUND...

MATTHEW SHUBLEY: The goal would definitely be to win.

IS BACK.

THIS – IS THE MACKENZIE TOUR PGA TOUR CANADA.

A2 – WHAT'S ON THE LINE

THE MACKENZIE TOUR RETURNS TO ACTION WITH THE 2021 SEASON.

RILEY WHELDON: We have a homegrown tour that's run by the PGA TOUR in the comfort of our own country, get to play in cities we're familiar with so, I think it's not only nice for us to have this tour in Canada, but a little bit of an advantage.

A YEAR AFTER THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC FORCED THE CANCELLATION OF THE 20-20 SEASON, PLAY WILL RESUME ACROSS CANADA OFFERING COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES WITH AN 8-EVENT LINE-UP.

BARRY McINERNEY: We're just absolutely thrilled to be partnering with the PGA TOUR in Canada and really thrilled that the golfers are back on the courses and the tournaments coming

up after one-year hiatus. Just to see these golfers hone their skill and work on their craft and aspire to be the best they can be and to participate at the highest level of their sport is really cool.

FOR THE TOP PLAYER AT THE END OF THE SEASON, THEY'LL EARN FULL STATUS ON THE 20-22 MACKENZIE TOUR.

PLAYERS FINISHING NUMBERS 2 THROUGH 5 ON THE POINTS LIST WILL RECEIVE CONDITIONAL STATUS, WHILE FINISHERS 6 THROUGH 10 WILL EARN A SPONSOR EXEMPTION INTO A 2022 MACKENZIE TOUR EVENT.

KEVIN GORDON: Any time you get to play against the best players it's always a pleasure just getting out and getting to play again the excitement level is through the roof.

A3 – SCHEDULE PART 1

THE START OF THE MACKENZIE TOUR IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER....AND WITH NEW EVENTS IN THE LINE-UP, THE 20-21 SEASON IS SHAPING UP TO BE AN EXCITING ONE – ESPECIALLY FOR THE CANADIANS.

DEREK GILLESPIE: Very excited! It's been a long year and half for everybody but looking forward to this upcoming stretch.

THE FIRST HALF OF THE SEASON KICKS OFF IN BLAINVILLE, QUEBEC FOR THE MACKENZIE INVESTMENTS OPEN...

THEN IT'S OVER TO CALEDON, ONTARIO FOR THE THIRD EDITION OF THE OSPREY VALLEY OPEN.

KEVIN GORDON: When it gets windy out there, you're coming at some of these holes with long irons and it's tough to hold some of the greens, but it's such a good layout and it's fun.

DURING THE 20-19 SEASON MACKENZIE TOUR ALUM PAUL BARJON, TOOK HOME HIS 2ND OF THREE TITLES AT THE OSPREY VALLEY OPEN ... ULTIMATELY LANDING HIM AT THE TOP OF THE POINTS LIST BY SEASONS END.

PAUL BARJON: Great facility and big championship course so that's fun to play.

AND LATER, THE MACKENZIE TOUR HEADS TO PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, WHERE THE TOUR WELCOMES TWO BRAND-NEW EVENTS: THE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND OPEN AND THE BRUDENELL RIVER CLASSIC, TO ROUND OUT THE FIRST LEG OF THE SEASON.

DEREK GILLESPIE: I'm looking forward to heading out to PEI, looking forward to hitting up Brudnell and spending some time out there.

KEVIN GORDON: I've heard great things about both courses, I think PEI I'm most excited for.

A4 – ALUMNI SUCCESS – TYLER McCUMBER

**PGA TOUR PLAYER AND MACKENZIE TOUR ALUM
TYLER MCCUMBER FOUND EARLY SEASON SUCCESS – AS THE 2018 EDITION
OF THE OSPREY VALLEY OPEN PAVED THE WAY TO TWO MORE WINS
AND THE PRESTIGE OF TOPPING THE SEASONS POINTS LIST...**

WHICH WAS PIVOTAL ON HIS JOURNEY TO BECOMING A PGA TOUR PLAYER.

ANNC: Boom that sure went in with a lot of force!

**WITH SO MUCH SUCCESS UNDER HIS BELT – INCLUDING FOUR TOP-25s THIS
SEASON – IT'S HIS SUMMER SPENT IN CANADA THAT SPARKED HIS
CONFIDENCE.**

TYLER MCCUMBER: I draw back a lot on my stretch I played up in Canada – that was exciting. When you're out here, in the moment and you get caught up in, just being present as a competitor. But looking back on it, it was cool. Some really good golf to gain confidence from.

**BUT EVEN THE BEST PLAYERS NEED A BREAK FROM THE ACTION... AND FOR
MCCUMBER IT'S ALL ABOUT LIVING LARGE IN HIS HOMETOWN.**

TYLER MCCUMBER: So we're gonna go to the pier. I got a call from one of my buddies. He's a professional surfer, he lives here in Jacksonville. His name's Cody Thompson. He's a great surfer. So we're gonna paddle out with him and catch a few waves.

CODY THOMPSON: I think he's on wrong tour to be honest. He needs to get on the World Surf League. I was actually surprised the first time I saw him out. And I saw you do a big off the lip and I was like I don't know, he's supposed to be really good at golf I don't know if he's that good at surfing too. Yeah, you're a ripper. I think you're a good surfer man.

TYLER MCCUMBER: And then he saw the next wave and I fell, yeah, yeah, that's definitely Tyler.

TYLER MCCUMBER: It's a blast, I mean, even just going for 20-30 minutes. It's amazing.

TYLER MCCUMBER: It's definitely been a journey. Getting the opportunity to play on multiple different tours and grow my golf game, as well as have some great life experience. But I think that's the why we love sports and love playing golf as professionals is that it is about the persistence and being that ultimate competitor. And that's why we love it. That's why it's addicting.

A5 – BUMP 1

STILL TO COME ...

THE SECOND HALF OF THE MACKENZIE TOUR SEASON HEADS WEST – WE TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT WHERE THEY’RE GOING.

PLUS – ONTARIO’S MATT SHUBLEY PICKED UP THE GAME PLAYING FOR COOKIES ... NOW, HE’S HUNGRY FOR MORE.

MATT SHUBLEY: My game is starting to trend in the right direction so hopefully I can play well this year.

AND – THE MACKENZIE TOUR HAS PRODUCED PLENTY OF TALENT ...

MACKENZIE HUGHES: I won on the Mackenzie Tour, which propelled me to the PGA TOUR. **WHO NOW REAP THE REWARDS OF THE PGA TOUR.**

COREY CONNERS: I think it’s really cool that we got to have this experience.

BI – ALUMNI SUCCESS – OVERALL COLLECTIVE PLAYERS

THE MACKENZIE TOUR IS THE FIRST STEP ON THE PATH TO THE PGA TOUR. HOWEVER LONG THAT JOURNEY MAY BE, THE DREAM IS STILL THE SAME...TO PLAY AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN PROFESSIONAL GOLF.

ANNC: How about that four, hey!

ANNC: That is a great looking effort there! Nick Taylor how about that start right there.

ANNC: Michael Gligic, sounded good, it was.

THIS SEASON A RECORD BREAKING 27 MACKENZIE TOUR ALUMNI ARE DOMINATING PGA TOUR FAIRWAYS ...

ANNC: Joel Dahmen is a winner on the PGA TOUR for the first time!

ANNC: Davis does it in Detroit!

JOINING AN EVER-GROWING ROSTER OF MACKENZIE TOUR ALUMNI CHAMPIONS.

TONY FINAU: I enjoyed my time in Canada playing the Mackenzie Tour. That was huge for someone like me, trying to get to the PGA TOUR and having that opportunity.

MACKENZIE HUGHES: That first summer I had in Canada, taught me how win at a professional level, how to manage my time, organize a schedule ... that's the stuff that you don't have as an amateur and you've got to learn to do as a pro. And the Mackenzie Tour kind of taught me how to manage all those things. It was just monumental starting out.

THIS YEAR BRINGS ADDED PRIDE AS BOTH, MACKENZIE HUGHES AND COREY CONNERS, WILL REPRESENT CANADA AND MACKENZIE TOUR ALUMNI ON THE GLOBAL STAGE AT THE 2021 OLYMPIC GAMES.

COREY CONNERS: It's definitely something that has been on my radar for the last few years; It's definitely been a goal of mine.

NOW, AS A NEW GENERATION TAKES CENTER STAGE, THE MACKENZIE TOUR WILL CONTINUE TO SPRINGBOARD ITS FUTURE STARS INTO THE PGA TOUR SPOTLIGHT.

TAYLOR PENDRITH: The Mackenzie Tour really prepares players well. It's run very professionally. The level of play out there is amazing as well. There's all these superstar college kids coming there because they want to play there and it's a great path towards your PGA TOUR career.

B2 – MACKENZIE TOUR IMPACT

AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE MACKENZIE TOUR IS A GREATER CAUSE... IMPACTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

BARRY MCINERNEY: What really connects us Mackenzie most is amazing charitable impact and fundraising that the tour does across Canada each stop along the way. I think there's been over 5 million dollars raised now for local charities across the country so that's really impactful and that's really incredible.

SCOTT PRITCHARD: It's also the economic impact that our events brings the communities and also the social impact the fact that we bring people together. An important element to reinvigorating the social fabric of the communities where we play, we try to touch all different levels of impact.

IN ADDITION TO ITS CHARITABLE EFFORTS THE MACKENZIE TOUR HAS A DEEP DEDICATION TO EXPANDING THE GAME IN CANADA.

BARRY MCINERNEY: Canada really has a rich history of golfers that have participated on the world stage and I think our connection also for the tour sponsorship also is to be part of the next generation of Canadian golfers. That's really a neat thing that we can start to look for new talents and see them build up their game and hone their craft.

B3 – SCHEDULE PART 2

THESE POINTS WILL CERTAINLY BE SEEN AS THE MACKENZIE TOUR PICKS UP THE SECOND HALF OF THE SEASON WITH IT'S THIRD NEW EVENT ... THE ELK RIDGE OPEN IN SASKATCHEWAN.

MAC CARTER: Excited for the travel. Excited for the competition the possible perks that come with playing well, all the opportunity there.

THEN IT'S BACK TO A FAMILURE STOP IN CALGARY, ALBERTA FOR THE ATB FINANCIAL CLASSIC.

SAM MEEK: Canada golf's really strong right now. So it's going to be really awesome to get to play. There's a ton of great players and I'm really looking forward to it.

IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, THE GOLF-BC CHAMPIONSHIP SWINGS INTO HIGH GEAR AT GALLAGHER'S CANYON GOLF CLUB, WHERE 20-19 SAW GOLF-BC EXTEND ITS SPONSORSHIP OF THE EVENT, CONTINUING ITS CHARITABLE IMPACTS ON THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

FINALLY, THE SEASON CONCLUDES IN VICTORIA FOR THE RELIANCE PROPERTIES DC-BANK OPEN PRESENTED BY TIMES COLONIST.

MAC CARTER: Going out west to play it is crazy how different the courses play province to province. It's always going to be a challenge. It's just about seeing the course first, knowing what you're getting yourself into and managing the best you can.

B4 – MATT SHUBLEY PROFILE MINI

THE CROSS-COUNTRY TRAVEL WILL ALSO BE NEW FOR WHITBY ONTARIO'S MATT SHUBLEY - WHO DIDN'T START PLAYING REGULARLY UNTIL THE AGE OF 13 ... BUT WHEN HE GOT A MEMBERSHIP AT THE OSHAWA GOLF CLUB ... HE WAS HOOKED

MATT SHUBLEY: This is a great golf course to grow up at. We had a ton of junior members. Parents would drop us off in the morning, we'd play, we'd practice, we'd play again in the afternoon and you get picked up late at night. Between playing games for cookies and short game contests and stuff. It was great to learn.

SHUBLEY DIDN'T HAVE TO LOOK FAR FOR INSPIRATION ... AS MACKENZIE TOUR VETERAN DEREK GILLESPIE HOLDS THE COURSE RECORD OF 63 AT THE OSHAWA GOLF CLUB ... ONE SHOT BETTER THAN SHUBLEY'S BEST ROUND.

MATT SHUBLEY: Derek was definitely a guy we looked up to when we were younger cuz I mean he was THE guy here. You kinda idolized him. It's nice to be getting to the same level as him and competing against him now.

LIKE MANY YOUNG CANADIAN ATHLETES, SHUBLEY HAD TO MAKE A DECISION AT THE AGE OF 16 ... HOCKEY ... OR GOLF?

MATT SHUBLEY: The summer I made the decision I had gotten off to a hot start. I qualified for the Ontario Junior, qualified for the Ontario Am and I had gotten into a couple of good junior invitationals. When I got into all of those, I kinda made the call and said ‘you know what? I’m gonna make this my priority and see where it can take me.’

AFTER A SUCCESSFUL COLLEGIATE CAREER AT SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY IN CONNECTICUT, SHUBLEY TURNED PRO. HIS FIRST EVENT WAS IN NOVA SCOTIA ... AND HE WON!

MATT SHUBLEY – Confidence was definitely at an all-time high. My grandparents live in PEI so it was nice to be out there with them and kind of a relaxing environment to come home to.

NOW, AFTER COMPETING IN THE WEST COAST FLORIDA TOUR ... THE 25 YEAR-OLD IS READY TO RESUME HIS PRO CAREER NORTH OF THE BORDER.

MATT SHUBLEY – It’s nice to be home because you get a lot of these traditional tree-lined courses up in Canada which you don’t see at all in Florida. I’m pretty good at hitting punch shots around the trees instead of hacking out of the water.

WITH TWO STRAIGHT TOURNAMENTS SCHEDULED FOR PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND IN AUGUST, SHUBLEY IS HOPING FOR MORE SUCCESS IN THE MARITIMES.

MATT SHUBLEY: The goal would definitely be to win. You want to be number one on that money list – you want to earn the exemptions that it provides you. My game is starting to trend in the right direction so hopefully it keeps progressing and I can play well this year.

CI – ALUMNI SUCCESS – MACKENZIE HUGHES

PROFESSIONAL GOLF HAS BEEN ANYTHING BUT A STRAIGHT PATH FOR MACKENZIE HUGHES. AFTER WINNING THE ORDER OF MERIT IN 2013, HE RETURNED TO CANADA FOR A SECOND STINT ON THE MACKENZIE TOUR IN 2015. A STELLAR SEASON – COMBINED WITH HIS UNRELENTING WORK ETHIC – PAVED THE WAY FOR HUGHES TO THE PGA TOUR.

MACKENZIE HUGHES: I read a book called “Take the Stairs” on being a better version of you. One of the quotes in the book was success is never owned, it is rented, and the rent is due every day. And it just stuck with me...

MACKENZIE HUGHES: Working hard towards your goals and there is basically no shortcut.

NATS: *(range rip)*

MACKENZIE HUGHES: In one second golf can throw you right back on the ground and you better get back up and start working hard.

NATS: (*putting rip*)

MACKENZIE HUGHES: Paying the rent might involve my obligation as a father.

NATS: Daddy! (*play sounds*)

MACKENZIE HUGHES: To live in a way that I feel I'm staying active...

NATS: (*range rip*)

MACKENZIE HUGHES: It's still something I look at and resonate with that's something I always try to live by.

C2 – MACKENZIE HUGHES PROFILE

THIS ALUMNI SUCCESS STORY'S WORK ETHIC CAN BE TRACED BACK TO HIS HOMETOWN.

MACKENZIE HUGHES: Dundas has always felt like home right away it always will. So many great memories from being there and Dundas Valley Golf and Country Club was a big part of my childhood.

SANDRA HUGHES: Instead of having a sitter for him we would go golfing and we would bring him and he at the time was probably actually about five. And did not have clubs so he would play with a sawed-off driver and a sawed-off putter.

MACKENZIE HUGHES: I loved it right away and pretty much couldn't get me off the golf course after that. All my summers were just on a golf course. Just loved the challenge that it brought.

KEITH DYNES: You would see him on the range by himself all the time. When we got there, he had already put in a couple hours. Or he might have even already played 18 holes.

HUGHES' GAME EVENTUALLY DID THE TALKING AS HE MADE HIS WAY THROUGH THE CANADIAN CIRCUIT WITH A DECORATED AMATEUR CAREER.

KEITH DYNES: He's always had that competitive drive, but he proved himself at every single level. He didn't really skip any steps either. His sheer determination and focus and work-ethic is what got him to where he is.

MACKENZIE HUGHES: Those tours below the PGA TOUR, you earn your stripes out there and you work hard to get to the ultimate goal of PGA TOUR.

NATS: Me and my boy, Corey Connors, repping the Mackenzie Tour.

MACKENZIE HUGHES: You travel with guys from tournament to tournament and there might 2 or 3 to a hotel room, and that was just normal.

NATS: Got some slapshots, got some baseball going on, just hanging out having a good old Canadian time.

MACKENZIE HUGHES: I was able to prove myself at every level I won on the Mackenzie Tour, which gave me the belief that I could win on the Korn Ferry Tour. And then propelled me to the PGA TOUR.

ANNC: One tough customer, Mackenzie Hughes, it's all over.

MACKENZIE HUGHES: To do it that fast, I was just kind of overcome with emotion didn't really know what to expect going forward, what that would mean for my life and obviously things really changed quickly.

AS HE AND HIS WIFE, JENNA, STARTED A FAMILY – THE RENT WAS STILL DUE – BUT NOW THERE'S JUST A DIFFERENT METHOD OF PAYMENT.

MACKENZIE HUGHES: I wanna be purposeful about what I'm doing, but the desire is still there to achieve some heights and goals and I've got expectations for myself so it's just a different way of going about it.

NAT: Come on, enter...ehhh!

ANNC: Yes! All of Canada is on their feet with that one.

A RUNNER-UP AT THE 2020 HONDA CLASSIC GOT HIM INTO GOOD STANDING IN THE FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS RACE – WHERE HE WOULD ULTIMATELY FIND HIMSELF ON THE BUBBLE FOR HIS FIRST TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP APPEARANCE.

ANNC: A clutch up and down for Mackenzie Hughes.

MACKENZIE HUGHES: Then when it goes in the hole and the relief and the joy that comes with was pretty special, it's up there with the making the putt to win RSM.

THE IMPACT OF HIS ACHIEVEMENTS HAS HAD A MUCH FARTHER REACH THAN THE U.S. – AS HERE IN HIS HOMETOWN LIES EVEN MORE RECOGNITION OF ONE OF ITS OWN.

JOHN KIRKWOOD: They decided to change the name from the short course at Dundas Valley to the Mackenzie Hughes Par 3 Course. We're so proud really as a country, but also as a small town.

MACKENZIE HUGHES: I know it's just a little 9-hole Par 3 course but it's got sentimental meaning just being that spent a lot of my time there growing up as a kid and now it'll be kind of forever known as my golf course.

MACKENZIE HUGHES: The Mackenzie Tour provides you with an avenue to go the next step. It's how I started to learn how to play professional golf. If you just placed on a PGA TOUR, I wouldn't have been ready right away. But The Mackenzie Tour prepared me for me know what I was gonna face on the PGA TOUR.

DI – ALUMNI SUCCESS – COREY CONNERS

COREY CONNERS: I started my professional career on the Mackenzie Tour. Didn't have any wins on there and didn't have any wins on the Web.com Tour.

YET – FINELY-CRAFTING HIS GAME THROUGH THE RANKS LED TO POSITIVE RESULTS ON THE PGA TOUR – CULMINATING WITH HIS BREAKTHROUGH MOMENT IN 2019.

ANNC: Corey Conner's day indeed has arrived – he's a winner on the PGA TOUR!

COREY CONNERS: I'm sure there's a lot of happy fans back home in Listowel, Ontario, and all across Canada. It's really exciting.

D2 – COREY CONNERS WHALE WATCHING

CONNERS HAS SINCE BEEN A STAPLE ON PGA TOUR LEADERBOARDS, ALL WHILE REAPING THE REWARDS THAT COME WITH IT ...

COREY CONNERS: Front row seating.

JOINING FELLOW TOUR PRO, MAX HOMA, IN MAUI FOR A RESPITE DURING THE CHAMPIONS ONLY EVENT.

LUNDBY SOT: Welcome, have any of you seen whales before or? No. Oh good that's exciting super exciting. The whales come down here for breeding and birthing, so its really important habitat. This is a sanctuary set aside for these whales. It's a really amazing place.

MAX HOMA: We love Corey and Mallory, it was a blast we got to share it with them.

COREY CONNERS: Max and our wives are good friends it was really cool to experience that together.

LUNDBY SOT: I Actually have some good questions from the front row.

COREY CONNERS: What is part of their diet?

LUNDBY SOT: They eat shrimp and krill, krill are little microorganisms like plankton, small fish.

COREY CONNERS: Yeah its my first experience ever seeing a whale really in the water and getting up close, its been pretty cool, absolutely massive. I knew they were pretty big but seeing them in person its pretty amazing its just really cool to be out here.

LUNDBY SOT: We don't have any special devices to look for the whales. So just glance around the water, the first thing we look for is exhalations, when they come to the surface and breathe out that's usually the first sign or if you see a big splash.

COREY CONNERS: Oh theres one, to the right of the of the one, oh yeah.

MAX HOMA: Oh there it is!

LUNDBY SOT: Alright guys did you see how little the exhalation was, that means it is a baby yes. Because this is where they come to have babies and make babies so we are really psyched to see a calf.

MAX HOMA: That's a big ole boy and the tail!

COREY CONNERS: Being a first-time winner, I think it's really cool that we got to have this experience, something that I definitely won't ever forget.

D3 – ROLLOUT HYPE LOOKAHEAD

THE SUCCESS STORIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN THERE ARE TODAY'S HOPES FOR THE NEW CROP OF TALENT.

WHO WILL BE NEXT?

THE LONG-AWAITED RETURN OF THE MACKENZIE TOUR IS HERE.

PREPARATION IS DONE AND GOALS ARE SET – THE NEXT THING TO ACHIEVE – ARE DREAMS.

SAM MEEK: The ultimate goal is to get to the PGA TOUR.