2021 PGA TOUR ORIGINALS: ONE SHOT AWAY – EPISODE #5

COLD OPEN

HIRSCHMAN: How about that? I just hooked your freaking line.

SAXON: Did you?

HIRSCHMAN: Look at that!

SAXON: We’ve got dumb and dumber over here today.

HIRSCHMAN: Oh my gosh it’s someone else’s fishing pole.

SAXON: Seriously?

HIRSCHMAN: Yeah!

SAXON: No way!

HIRSCHMAN: See the bottom of it? You can see the blue part. It’s like a Snoopy pole. Right there.

SAXON: You’re kidding me. I’m going down to get it.

HIRSCHMAN: If we can’t catch a fish, we can catch a pole. I hope you fall in.

SAXON: Yeah, that would be my luck.

HIRSCHMAN: It is a Snoopy pole!

SAXON: Great find Hirsch! Now we have the same tackle the kids over there have. We’re set! Man, I’m fired up about that… we’re set now!

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.**

OPENING STANDUP

**A KORN FERRY TOUR SEASON LIKE NO OTHER IS NEARING ITS CROWNING MOMENTS.**

**JUST ONE REGULAR SEASON EVENT REMAINS - AND AT ITS CONCLUSION, 25 PLAYERS WILL PUNCH THEIR TICKET TO THE PGA TOUR. BUT THE ACTION DOESN’T END THERE, WITH AN ADDITIONAL 25 SPOTS UP FOR GRABS IN THE THREE-EVENT PLAYOFF STRETCH.**

**DYLAN WU LOCKED UP HIS PGA TOUR CARD WITH A VICTORY IN THE OZARKS, WHILE NICK HARDY CONTINUES TO INCH CLOSER TO GUARANTEEING PASSAGE TO THE TOUR.**

**FOR MANY PLAYERS, THEIR BEST CHANCE AT PROMOTION LIES WITH THE PLAYOFFS… BUT FOR ROBERTO DIAZ, HIS FOCUS STILL REMAINS SQUARELY ON THE REGULAR SEASON, AS HE ENTERED THE PRICE CUTTER CHARITY CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY DR PEPPER JUST INSIDE THE 25.**

PRICE CUTTER PART 1

DÍAZ: It's grind mode right now and the end of the year is coming up, and we have some business to finish.

**SEEKING HIS FIRST TOP 10 FINISH SINCE A WIN IN MARCH, DÍAZ PLAYED THE FIRST 2 ROUNDS 13-UNDER AND ENTERED SATURDAY IN A TIE FOR FIRST.**

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DÍAZ: I haven't been in that position for a while, I think the day that I played the best was a third round. The tournament was good I striked the ball better than I have in the last couple months.

**MEANWHILE, CHARLIE SAXON ARRIVED IN SPRINGFIELD OFF OF HIS 5TH TOP-10 FINISH OF THE SEASON AND A T-13 THE WEEK PRIOR.**

ANNC: This guy’s really starting to trend and a tremendous player.

SAXON: Nice couple of weeks in Colorado, Springfield, Illinois. I was feeling really good about my golf game and it felt like you know, I'd have a chance to put a good week together, hopefully contend.

CHARLIE SAXON FISHING

**BEFORE SAXON TOOK TO THE COURSE, HE HEADED TO LAKE SPRINGFIELD TO RELAX AND REFOCUS WITH FELLOW OKLAHOMA SOONER, GRANT HIRSCHMAN…**

SAXON: Is my tess all jacked up or did I catch a stick fish? Nope… don’t show that. (HAHA)

HIRSCHMAN: Well, I know there’s fish in here I watched the little girl catch a brim as soon as we walked up.

SAXON: Yeah she caught a Larry the Lunker over there.

SAXON: We’re so fortunate to get to go to so many cool places and I feel like, you know, you’re silly if you don’t take advantage of that and get to experience what those places have to offer.

SAXON: Oh wow. We’re on the board baby! Let’s go! It’s a monster!

HIRSCHMAN: We’re off the skunk though!

HIRSCHMAN: I mean there’s fish in this lake that are bigger than that kid and he just caught a fish.

SAXON: Got him!

HIRSCHMAN: Number 2.

SAXON: Hirsch, man you’re getting skunked bud.

HIRSCHMAN: I am. I’m getting killed.

SAXON: Oops, there he went!

HIRSCHMAN: Usually I can catch some fish but I’ve got the heat of the cameras on me now, choking under pressure I guess.

SAXON: Oh Hirsch! The fat lady is signing! You know what, this might be the biggest fish caught in Lake Springfield! You know, if you push it out towards the camera, it makes it look bigger.

HIRSCHMAN: Haha! Yes first one!

SAXON: He’s on the board.

HIRSCHMAN: Since it’s my first I gotta be all proud with him! Check him out! … oh, there ya go. You’re back. Fisty little fella.

SAXON: Oopp, Hirsch! I was just bobbing it. (Just right there?) haha, yeah.

SAXON: It was a heated battle there at the start but ended up 7-3 in my favor. Hirsch, Hirsch had some extracurriculars though.

HIRSCHMAN: I caught three fish and I managed to catch an actual fishing pole. I think a fishing pole counts for a little bit more than seven fish but it was it was a close battle.

PRICE CUTTER PART 2

**SAXON LOOKED TO DUPLICATE HIS SUCCESS LATER THAT WEEK, BUT A PAIR OF 73’S RESULTED IN A MISSED CUT.**

SAXON: A little bit of a bummer of a week. I just try to kinda put that one on the backburner and rest on the fact I feel good in my game, I’m playing good golf and get ready for the stretch coming up.

**WHILE HIRSCHMAN FOUND HIMSELF NEAR THE TOP OF THE LEADERBOARD WITH 3 ROUNDS IN THE 60’S BEFORE AN EVEN PAR FINAL ROUND RESULTED IN A TIE FOR 39TH.**

CALLUM TARREN MIC’D

**EACH WEEK NOW PROVES ESPECIALLY CRITICAL FOR CALLUM TARREN. WITH A BABY ON THE WAY, HE’S SEEKING A PLACE IN THE 25 BY REGULAR SEASON’S END.**

TARREN: I’ve got one coming in 3 weeks.

CADDIE: Really?

TARREN: Yeah

CADDIE: Do you know what it is yet?

TARREN: A Girl.

CADDIE: Nice. You excited.

TARREN: Yeah, scared. I was just thinking about it before. Thinking, it’s getting real. Even though I’m not even at home I’m thinking, in three weeks’ time I’m going to have something just in my arms, you know?

TARREN: Back when I was home during the Christmas period, I got engaged to my partner, Ashley. We also found out that she was pregnant.

The due date’s actually August 13th. It’s the start of the final three events. So it's one of those difficult scenarios where we're just gonna have to see how it plays out.

TARREN: So for me, anything landing over the trap, the small one (Yes) is good? (Yes, absolutely.)

TARREN: Cover. Cover the trap. Go! (Yeah, yeah, ok)

TARREN: I felt as though from tee to green I was really solid, just didn't really hole anything. I kept having chances inside 15 feet.

Stay left why don’t ya?!

In order to compete and win golf tournaments, you have to hole a fair share of them.

Hashtag, play better. [Lewton laughs]

**IN HIS OPENING ROUND, TARREN ENCOUNTED A ROUGH STRETCH AT THE TURN…**

TARREN: Get down that slope.

**…BEFORE FINDING HIS GROOVE TO FINISH THE ROUND.**

TARREN: There she is! About time!

TARREN: Cheers kid, well played.

PRICE CUTTER PART 3

**TARREN FOLLOWED UP A 2 UNDER 70, WITH A 5 UNDER ON FRIDAY… AND HEADED INTO THE WEEKEND 5 STROKES OFF THE LEAD.**

**ARRIVING IN SPRINGFIELD 6 SPOTS OUTSIDE THE 25, DYLAN WU WAS RIDING A WAVE OF 4 CONSECUTIVE MADE CUTS.**

ANNC: No question Wu is a great ball striker. His stats are very nice.

WU: The first day I was kinda surprised shooting 4 under I was in 47th place. I just kinda knew if you play out there, you just have a lot of opportunities and you just got to hit the fair way, play smart, take advantage of the par 5s and I felt like I just gave myself a lot of opportunities on Friday.

**A TRIO OF BOGEYS ON THURSDAY GAVE WAY TO A CLEAN CARD THE NEXT DAY, AS HE A SURGED UP THE LEADERBOARD.**

WU: The first two days were the first time after two rounds I was in the top 10 going into the weekend, so a little better striking distance. And being in more of a contention spot before the weekend. It's probably the best position I've been all year.

GREYSON SIGG ON RANGE

SIGG: One of my main goals was to get a victory out here and you know it came in Knoxville.

ANNC: Truly one of the complete players we have seen out here on the Korn Ferry Tour. Awfully impressive for the 26-year-old.

SIGG: It's hard to win out here, a lot of good players. I was just fortunate enough to finally get one done.

ANNC: Another Georgia Bulldog going to the highest level. He’s heading to the PGA TOUR.

**WITH HIS WIN IN MAY, GREYSON SIGG EARNED ENOUGH POINTS TO SECURE HIS PGA TOUR CARD.**

**BUT EVEN WITH A CARD LOCKED UP, HE STILL HAS PLENTY TO ACCOMPLISH IN THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON.**

SIGG: I feel like I'm in a pretty good spot. Not very often in your golf career where you don't really have to play for your job, but really ever since I won you know I've been chasing down this number one spot. There's still a few more events left so you know, looking to kinda tighten that threshold up.

It's hard to get into that top 25 and it's hard to kinda move that needle with so many points, but you know, I’m glad I'm not a bubble boy right now but it's going to be fun to watch the last few events.

I feel like the more relaxed I am the better I play. Playing stress free golf goes a long way, so I'm looking forward to kinda continuing that the next year or so.

**DESPITE HIS RELAXED AND RESTED APPROACH, SIGG COULDN’T BUILD OFF OF HIS 2ND ROUND 67 IN SPRINGFIELD, FINISHING IN A TIE FOR 60TH.**

PRICE CUTTER PART 4

**WEEKEND TEE TIMES PROVED VALUABLE FOR CALLUM TARREN, WHO CARDED A TEN-UNDER SCORE THROUGH HIS FINAL TWO ROUNDS TO EARN A TOP 20 FINISH.**

**BUT IT WAS DYLAN WU WHO MADE MAJOR GAINS ON MOVING DAY.**

ANNC: Dylan Wu back atop the leaderboard.

**WITH A NEW CADDIE ON THE BAG, WU CLAIMED A SHARE OF THE LEAD WITH HIS SECOND BOGEY-FREE ROUND.**

D. WU: I have my brother on the bag now. He’s been good. Definitely feel like it’s helped me make decisions better. He left his accounting job at Ernst and Young to caddie for me so hopefully it means he’ll be caddying for me for a while.

Today was definitely a good day. Shot 9 under. Didn’t make any bogies out there. Just played well today kept it pretty simple.

DYLAN WU MINI

**IN HIS SECOND SEASON ON THE KORN FERRY TOUR, WU IS ENJOYING THE FRUITS OF HIS LABOR.**

ANNC: Yeah. Confidently pours it in the middle.

D. WU: I try to work hard and try to grind and just try to get a little better and better. That's the end goal is just trying to get better and, of course, make it to the PGA TOUR and play against the best players in the world.

ANNC: Just his second year on this tour great way to start the year.

D. WU: People are asking ‘when you're going to win?’ I'm like, no, I'm trying to win out here. It's hard. I mean, the guy's are good out here. Hopefully it happens soon, so I'm ready for the challenge.

**SUCH A CHALLENGE PRESENTED ITSELF MIDSEASON, AS WU SUFFERED FROM A BOUT OF MISSED CUTS, DROPPING HIM OUT OF THE 25.**

ANNC: Wow, very disappointing for Dylan Wu.

D. WU: Golf is so roller coaster. I mean kind of all about playing good golf at the right time, and it's a long journey if you're gonna play for a long time. So, you just gotta keep on battling and keep on staying positive

ANNC: Dylan Wu for Birdie… go ahead young fella.

**WITH 4 TOP 25’S IN THE LAST 7 EVENTS, MOMENTUM APPEARED BACK ON HIS SIDE.**

D. WU: I feel like it's close. You've got to keep your head down and just keep grinding and working hard. You wanna tee up every week with the chance to win, and that's my goal. I mean basically at this point, if you win, you lock it up.

PRICE CUTTER PART 5

**ENTERING THE FINAL DAY IN SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI AS CO-LEADER, HE FOUND HIMSELF ON THE VERGE OF REACHING HIS GOAL.**

ANNC: He read it perfectly? He did! How about that Dylan Wu.

D. WU: I was just playing my game throughout the entire front nine. Made a birdie on two. Made a good putt and just felt like I was playing smart not getting overly aggressive just playing simple solid golf.

**THE PUTTER COOPERATED - CONTINUING A BOGEY-FREE STREEK ON THE FRONT 9 TO GIVE HIM THE LEAD.**

D. WU: Then on the hole 10 I hit my tee shot in the middle of the fairway which is a good tee shot and then I'm about to hit my second shot and the horn blows.

[HORN]

D. WU: We had a rain delay for two and a half hours. So that definitely was a pause on my momentum for sure.

Definitely felt more nervous when I went back out than when I was standing on the 10 fairway before the horn blew.

**WU HELD HIS NERVE THROUGH THE RAIN DELAY AND PLAYED THE 72ND HOLE WITH THE LEAD.**

ANNC: In a great position to win for the first time.

D. WU: I was telling my brother, just once I hit it on the green its ok if I 3-putt I have a 2-shot lead here. Don’t 4 putt I mean even if I have 3 to 4 feet make sure the next one’s good.

ANNC: 2021 Price Cutter Charity Championship Champion… Dylan Wu… Medford, Oregon.

D. WU: When you're in contention, you just got to take advantage of the opportunity. You just got to learn from every event and stay mentally strong and just focus on one shot at a time and luckily did that for all 72 holes and then got it done.

NAT: We are going to the PGA TOUR.

D. WU: Just getting a PGA TOUR card has always been the dream. And to do that there in Springfield with two events left in the regular season after. It's just a really big deal.

J. WU: That has to be definitely one of the coolest moment and experience to have, with my oldest brother. To be right, right there for him carrying the bag, it's been a surreal week.

WU: To have him there was a special moment for my first Korn Ferry win, I’m always going to remember the rest of my life.

DYLAN WU & BROTHER

D. WU: All right, let's just go through the front nine because we are going to be playing that today. We played the back yesterday, but you haven't seen the front.

I think communication is huge. Whether it's going through the yardage books, I just want to make sure Jeremy is prepared. As prepared as I am.

It's not too hard, but kind of have to hit the fairway here. The right side of the fairway’s a little better. Pretty shallow green, it's just a simple par five.

He's been getting better every week. He's learning how to become a better caddie, learning the nuances of being a caddie. To have family on the bag is really cool.

J. WU: Are you liking driver here or? driver? That's right. Yeah, that's mean. fairways not too, too narrow. So you got some room to work with on both sides.

This is definitely right now, I would say a dream job for me. I think that Dylan and I have a great chemistry. So for me to be here with him, having this brotherly bond together is something you know, a lot of guys don't have out here.

D. WU: You got everything? Yardage book, glove, small stuff? You got all the clubs? (Yep.) Everything in there? Speed stick?

J. WU: Yep, everything's in here.

D. WU: Let’s roll to the course.

J. WU: Ok.

D. WU: I'm going to try to become a better golfer every day. And I know he's gonna try to become a better caddie every day. So, it's a good relationship right now.

**FRESH OFF THEIR FIRST WIN, THE WU BROTHERS CARRIED THEIR MOMENTUM INTO UTAH.**

D. WU: PGA TOUR schedule came out today. So we'll, we'll talk about it, but right now we're 14 we're trying to get as high as possible. If we can get in single digits, whether it's through the finals or the next two weeks…

J. WU: That’d be sweet.

D. WU: I think the biggest goal is just to keep on climbing the priority. I've locked my card now.

J. WU: Yeah that was nice!

D. WU: Was that one out right?

J. WU: Club path 1.4.

D. WU: Yeah a little right.

So, just to keep on playing well and hopefully get another win. Winning a finals event would be huge, just because that would probably cement me in the top 10 guys.

J. WU: Good putt.

D. WU: Hit it right at that tiny tree. The one that’s sticking up, the dark green.

A little left, should be fine.

J. WU: His game is just at a high level, you know, he's not making that big of a mistakes, and he's giving himself plenty of opportunities.

I would look just outside, right edge.

D. WU: I'm just excited to be here. Hope to continue the good golf I'm on and just reset this week and treat it like nothing happened in the past and try to put myself in a good position on Sunday to win another tournament.

J. WU: Good putt.

D. WU: All right, let’s get it this week!

UTAH CHAMPIONSHIP PART 1

**DYLAN WU’S BID TO BECOME THE 3RD BACK-TO-BACK CHAMPION THIS SEASON BEGAN AT THE UTAH CHAMPIONSHIP, PRESENTED BY ZIONS BANK.**

ANNC: All week, the ball will be absolutely flying at this elevation.

**UNABLE TO GET INTO A CONSISTENT RHYTHM IN THE OPENING ROUNDS, WU FELL A COUPLE STROKES SHY OF THE CUT LINE.**

WU: You’re just always learning. Some courses and some weeks aren’t your weeks.

**MEANWHILE, BRADEN THORNBERRY SOUGHT TO BREAK A STREAK OF 2 CONSECUTIVE MISSED CUTS.**

ANNC: That was helpful! 67 for Braden Thornberry.

**A ONE UNDER OPENING ROUND GAVE WAY TO 3 ROUNDS IN THE 60S AS THORNBERRY CLIMBED THE LEADERBOARD EACH DAY EN ROUTE TO A T26 FINISH.**

TORNBERRY: I'm gonna play as hard as I can and give that a run. but having Finals locked up is a good feeling, knowing I'll have three tournaments to have a chance of getting my PGA TOUR card.

CHARLIE SAXON & MAX MCGREEVY

SAXON: We got a lot of memories. A lot of fights.

MCGREEVY: A lot of fights. (Ha Ha Ha) I always held a grudge against you I feel like in college. I don’t know why. I was just young. I still probably hold grudges against you a little bit.

SAXON: That’s why we love each other Max.

**THE KORN FERRY TOUR MAY PROVIDE A BIT OF COLLEGE NOSTALGIA FOR CHARLIE SAXON, AS HE CHASES HIS DREAM WITH PAST UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA TEAMMATES… INCLUDING FORMER ROOMMATE, MAX MCGREEVY.**

MCGREEVY: Hey good ball

We were a very close-knit team. Charlie and I maybe not so much because we butted heads in college a little bit, but I think I have for sure grown up a little bit and we have definitely gotten closer over the years for sure. But it’s taken me a couple years for sure.

SAXON: Everybody’s going to think we hate each other.

MCGREEVY: Yeah they are. They’re going to be like how did these guys keep living with each other?

SAXON: I don’t want to lose to him he doesn’t want to lose to me but at the same time we rally behind each other and encourage each other when each other is playing good golf. Looking forward to seeing him on the TOUR next year and shoot maybe I can join him.

MCGREEVY: I’m hoping I can Charles out there with me and we can both go dominate.

UTAH CHAMPIONSHIP PART 2

**DESPITE AN UNDER-PAR OPENING ROUND IN UTAH, SAXON WAS UNABLE TO MAKE MOVES ON FRIDAY AND MISSED THE CUT FOR THE 2ND WEEK IN A ROW.**

ANNC: Roberto Díaz now on the tee…

**AN OPENING 65 PLACED ROBERTO DÍAZ ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THE LEADERBOARD EARLY… BEFORE 6 BOGEYS IN THE SECOND ROUND LED TO AN EARLY EXIT.**

DÍAZ: I’ve had some great scores this year and I just haven't been able to put four rounds together after I won, but the game is there, I just need to take advantage.

ANNC: Mr. Tarren is making the most of a move up the leaderboard.

**CALLUM TARREN CONTINUED HIS HOT PLAY, AS THE ENGLISHMAN CARDED A 19-UNDER TOURNAMENT FOR A T8 FINISH.**

TARREN: My game has been solid for a while now. I just gotta keep my foot down on the pedal and keep attacking and just see what happens.

THE 25 STANDINGS

**TARREN’S FINISH IN UTAH MOVES HIM INSIDE THE TOP 40 WITH ONE WEEK REMAINING IN THE KORN FERRY TOUR REGULAR SEASON.**

**NICK HARDY DROPS A SPOT BUT REMAINS IN SOLID POSITION TO EARN A TOUR CARD… WHILE ROBERTO DÍAZ NOW FINDS HIMSELF OUTSIDE THE 25 FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NEARLY A YEAR.**

CLOSING STANDUP

**THE END OF THE JOURNEY IS NOW CLEARLY IN SIGHT FOR PLAYERS ON THE KORN FERRY TOUR. SOME CAN FIND COMFORT IN KNOWING THEIR PATH TO THE PGA TOUR IS SECURE, THOUGH MANY CONTINUE TO SEARCH FOR A STRONG FINISH.**

**EVERYTHING THAT THESE PLAYERS HAVE WORKED FOR COMES DOWN TO THIS MOMENT.**

**WHO WILL STEP UP AND BREAK WAY FROM THE BUBBLE TO EARN THEIR PLACE IN THE 25?**

**AND WHO WILL RISE TO THE OCCASION IN THE KORN FERRY TOUR PLAYOFFS?**

**STORYLINES STILL ABOUND… IN THE CONTINUED PURSUIT OF A PGA TOUR CARD.**

ROLLOUT

HARDY: This has been a grind like no other in terms of trying to get your PGA TOUR card.

SAXON: My game’s trending in a spot that I'm going to be ready to go for finals on a handful courses I really like.

DÍAZ: I'm gonna be just patient and confident about the stuff that I do best.

TARREN: I’ve got everything to gain by getting that PGA TOUR card.

WU: That’s why we’re all playing on this tour, that’s why we’re grinding so hard, just because the PGA TOUR is where you want to be.

**THE JOURNEY CONTINUES RIGHT HERE ON ONE SHOT AWAY.**