

**Tease and Titles**

ANNC: This season unlike any other – this super season.

**THE 2020-2021 PGA TOUR SEASON – WAS ONE THAT CAN SIMPLY BE DEFINED.**

SERGIO GARCIA: This super season has obviously been fun.

MAX HOMA: This super season has been super long (haha).

COLLIN MORIKAWA: It's been very super (haha).

**AND THE PERFORMANCE FROM THE GAMES BEST...**

JON RAHM: I feel like it was so long ago...

ANNC: Does this guy have a flair for the dramatic.

ABE ANCER: There's been a lot of golf being played.

ANNC: Abraham Ancer has his first PGA TOUR victory.

DUSTIN JOHNSON: It's been a lot of big tournaments.

**CERTAINLY SURPASSED “SUPER”.**

ANNC: For the second time, Patrick Cantlay is the winner!

JORDAN SPIETH: When you look back and you remember kind of what tournaments were in this actual season, you're like wow yeah, it is a super season.

ANNC: Jordan Spieth breaks the winless drought!

JUSTIN ROSE: Big time golf one week after another.

ANNC: The roars have returned in golf!

RORY MCILROY: There's so many great events and so many opportunities.

ANNC: Justin Thomas is your latest PLAYERS champion.

RICKIE FOWLER: The spacing out of THE PLAYERS and majors and WGC's.

ANNC: And Collin Morikawa is a World Golf Champion!

COLLIN MORIKAWA: It's crazy to think back that we've had six majors...

ANNC: Bryson DeChambeau was once again too much for the field to handle!

MAX HOMA: This will be a season we look back on obviously is an unprecedented year.

**THIS IS THE PGA TOUR – "SUPER" SEASON IN REVIEW.**

**Fall Recap**

SERGIO GARCIA: Winning early in the year it's always very important, it's always big, it gives you a little bit of extra confidence.

**THE FALL OF 2020 SET THE TONE FOR THE SEASON, WITH A DIVERSE CROP OF PLAYERS WHO STEPPED INTO THE WINNERS CIRCLE.**

ANNC: Oh Carlos Ortiz ... closes it out in style!

**FROM THOSE BREAKING THROUGH FOR A MAIDEN VICTORY...**

ANNC: He is a winner for the very first time.

**TO THE CONTINUED COMING OF AGE FOR PROMISING TALENT...**

ANNC: A win it is for Viktor Hovland, what a way to do it!

ANNC: Patrick Cantlay emerges.

**AND SEASONED VETERANS BREAKING WINLESS DROUGHTS.**

ANNC: Stewart Cink wins for the first time in 11 years.

ANNC: And Sergio Garcia is a winner for the 11th time on the PGA TOUR.

SERGIO GARCIA: That kind of helped me kind of ride that momentum throughout the year with a lot of solid play.

**AND THE ADDITION OF TWO MAJORS IN THE FALL DUE TO POSTONMENTS FROM COVID-19 ADDED TO WHAT WAS ALREADY A "SUPER" DISPLAY OF DRAMA.**

**FROM DUSTIN JOHNSON'S FIRST GREEN JACKET...**

DUSTIN JOHNSON: It's a great feeling and a lot of great memories from that week and played very, very solid, and is definitely special and something I'll remember forever.

**TO BRYSON DECHAMBEAU OVERPOWERING THE U-S OPEN – A TASK NO ONE THOUGHT WAS POSSIBLE – YET THE 28-YEAR OLD PROVED THE EFFECTS OF HIS RECENT TRANSFORMATION TRANSCENDED THE DEFINITION OF "SUPER".**

BRYSON DECHAMBEAU: Initially when I started this process, I've surpassed all my goals on that. It's been a heck of a ride and every year I'm learning.

MIKE SCHY: His approach to game was great took aggressive lines that nobody saw coming, putted absolutely, brilliantly, and I think those things all working together shows if you hit it really far, that is a benefit.

**IT LED TO ANOTHER WIN LATER IN THE SEASON – ON HIS WAY TO LEADING THE PGA TOUR IN DRIVING DISTANCE FOR A 2ND CONSECUTIVE CAMPAIGN.**

### **Bryson Feature**

**BRYSON'S PASSION FOR BREAKING THE LIMIT HAS BEEN CONSPICUOUSLY TRACED BACK TO HIS EARLY AGES AT DRAGONFLY GOLF CLUB.**

MIKE SCHY: The two of us together created a persona of different weird, not right out of the norm. Let's approach it as a science project and that's what we've done with golf swing. Once he defined it he owned it all the way, 'Okay, this is the swing I want, what do you think?', and that's the way we approached, it even today.

MIKE SCHY: I always thought he was long. He was just bent on one swing and it being exactly the same, whether it was wedge or the driver.

**AND WHEN THE TIME CAME FOR A LITTLE "EXTRA" DISTANCE – YOUNG DECHAMBEAU WAS ABLE TO UTILIZE A CERTAIN "TRIGGER" TO UNLEASH IT.**

MIKE SCHY: He called it the Crank Ball. We get up on the tee, he'd look at me goes crank ball.

MIKE SCHY: He did it a few time where he literally hit it 50 yards by his opponent, and you could see the opponent completely in shock. We knew when he got on Tour that he wasn't big enough to sustain in respect to being stable.

**YET, THAT ALL CHANGED WHEN HE MADE IT A MISSION AT THE END OF 2019 – AFTER THE SUCCESS OF 5 WINS – TO ALTER HIS STYLE OF PLAY BY BECOMING BIGGER, AND STRONGER, IN AN ALL-OUT EFFORT FOR ASTRONOMICAL DISTANCE.**

ANNC: That is absolutely smashed! 340 through the air? Carry!

## **PACKING ON OVER 40 POUNDS OF MUSCLE...**

BRYSON DECHAMBEAU: Whenever I come up with an idea, there's a lot of data driven executions behind it.

**AND GAINING AN ADDITIONAL 30MPH OF BALL SPEED – THAT OFTEN TIMES PEAKS OVER 200 MPH – TO IMPROVE HIS AVERAGE DISTANCE OFF THE TEE BY MORE THAN 20 YARDS FROM HIS "PRE-TRANSFORMATION" AVERAGE.**

JUSTIN ROSE: I really admire what Bryson's done. Mass times acceleration equals power. So, I get the equation of what he's doing and it's incredible to see.

ANNC: DeChambeau, is the winner.

MIKE SCHY: Greg Roskopf at MAT has been ginormously important in this whole process.

GREG ROSKOPF: MAT is designed where you break yourself down, we're gonna put you back together so you can go perform at a higher level. Because of this process, it basically limits the potential to get injured.

**GREG ROSKOPF'S MUSCLE ACTIVATION TECHNIQUES HAS BENEFITED COUNTLESS ATHLETES, NOT ONLY IN THEIR PRIME, BUT ALSO IN RETIREMENT TO KEEP THEM STRONG AFTER A LIFE OF PHYSICAL EXERTION.**

ROSKOPF NAT: I always say we're only as strong as our weakest link...It's not like squats, benches and everything. It's literally every isolated movement that the body can do.

GREG ROSKOPF: It's force tolerance, as you raise the tolerance level, if the tolerance level's here and you put forces on it, it stays below the tolerance level. You won't have inflammation, which means you won't have pain.

GREG ROSKOPF: When he was saying I wanna get to 270, I'm like 'I don't know if you want to do that' and I said 'you don't have to have the mass'. He realizes that he can be just as efficient or more efficient with a little less weight now. His force output, his numbers are still increasing, even though he's losing weight.

BRYSON DECHAMBEAU: I hope to keep transforming not only me, but hopefully the sport. I hope that inspires the generation to come. You're just gonna see a lot bigger, better, stronger athlete.

**AND THE EFFECTS OF BRYSON'S METHODS ARE BEING NOTICED AT EVERY LEVEL OF THE GAME...**

WYNDHAM CLARK: For me my first thing was, injury prevention. Over time it's been actually pretty incredible what's happened as far as just health and swing. I was like a low 180 ball speed. Now I get close to 190 mile an hour ball speed.

J.C. DEACON: College golf has certainly noticed. The kids, swinging harder, trying to hit those numbers that he has.

RICKY CASTILLO: I saw Bryson what he did and it's really helped him and I try to incorporate a little bit of what he's done.

GREG ROSKOPF: He wants people to understand that what he's doing, everyone should be doing, but it takes a unique personality to work at that level and he feels like 'nobody's going to work as hard as I do'.

ANNC: This is like the long drive contest right here. Absolutely.

BRYSON DECHAMBEAU: It's made me feel better over the course of time – it's not hurt me; it's made me better. So I don't know what the limit is on this and I'm going to keep going until it tells me that there's no more room to go.

### **First-timers Mini**

ANNC: Seamus Power is a first-time winner!

### **WINNING IS SWEET...BUT PERHAPS NOTHING BEATS THAT FEELING OF DOING IT FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME!**

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

ANNC: The first of many to come!

### **THE 2020-2021 SEASON WELCOMED 10 NEW FACES INTO THE WINNER CIRCLE.**

ABRAHAM ANCER: It's pretty crazy and pretty surreal that Sunday obviously a lot of fun for me and fulfilling a dream since I was a little kid. I keep telling myself that the first win was gonna be a big one and the WGC event definitely fits in that category.

ANNC: What a way to finish for Erik van Rooyen!

ERIK VAN ROOYEN: Pretty dream like you know, obviously played great golf but knowing everything comes with it beforehand... I didn't fall and yeah it was an amazing experience.

### Garrick Higgs Mini

ANNC: Young South African. 22 years of age. An invitation here this week by the PGA TOUR and well deserved.

### **SOUTH AFRICA'S NEXT GENERATION HAS ARRIVED ON THE PGA TOUR ... AND FOR GARRICK HIGGO, IT'S BEEN QUITE THE JOURNEY.**

GARRICK HIGGO: Started on the Sunshine Tour. Won there. Got my Challenge Tour card in Europe and then won a co-sanctioned event. Got onto Europe won twice there. So, I've been on quite a few tours in the last two years.

ANNC: From South Africa to South Carolina, Garrick Higgs is the champion at Congaree.

ANNC: I'm sure Gary Player is watching. Oh no question. A huge influence for this young man.

GARRICK HIGGO NATS: Yeah, it's Gary.

GARY PLAYER NATS: Garrick!

GARRICK HIGGO NATS: Hey Gary!

GARY PLAYER NATS: I don't think I have ever in my lifetime been more excited about anybody winning a golf tournament.

GARRICK HIGGO NATS: Thanks so much.

GARY PLAYER NATS: I had tears in my eyes.

GARRICK HIGGO: I think I met him for the first time when I was about 8 or 9. Our connection is his mom died when he was really young and my dad died literally when I met him. From that moment on he took me under his wing. It's definitely one of the reasons I'm here today.

### **WITH THE MENTORSHIP OF SOUTH AFRICA'S GREATEST GOLFER, HIGGO IS ON THE FAST TRACK TO BEING THE COUNTRY'S NEXT "SUPER" STAR.**

GARRICK HIGGO: Yeah, it's been amazing. I couldn't have planned for a better year. To play over here is a dream come true.

### Young Winners Mini

### **HIGGO IS JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF THE DEPTH OF YOUNG TALENT CONTINUING TO SEE SUCCESS EARLY ... AND OFTEN.**

**AND THE NEW GENERATIONS' IMPACT CONTINUES TO BE FELT BY THE VETERANS.**

SERGIO GARCIA: The young guys now are better prepared than we ever were. They get to play really high quality tournaments, they're very well manicured to win on the tour, they feel comfortable...

**AND THE PAST SUCCESS OF YOUNG PLAYERS WINNING EARLY IN THEIR CAREERS HAS BEEN A CATALYST FOR OTHER YOUNG STANDOUTS.**

VIKTOR HOVLAND: It was really cool to see Collin and Matt win so quickly. Obviously, that puts maybe some added pressure on me to do the same. Luckily I had a really good week in Puerto Rico and that was a nice first win.

ANNC 2020 PUERTO RICO: Viktor Hovland breaks through on the PGA TOUR!

VIKTOR HOVLAND: For it to happen not much later again at Mayakoba was pretty special as well.

**Viktor Hovland Feature**

**AND THE NORWEGIAN'S 2ND CAREER WIN WAS ONE OF THE MEMORABLE FINSHES OF THE SEASON – YET IT PALES IN COMPARISON TO THE MAGNITUDE THAT WAS FELT IN HIS HOME COUNTRY.**

VIKTOR HOVLAND: Oh, is this the commentators? Turn the sound on?

VIKTOR HOVLAND: One of the commentators, Henrik Bjørnstad, was the first guy from Norway to play on the PGA TOUR.

HENRIK BJORNSTAD: We were just on the front of our seats. Hoping for the ball to somehow find the bottom of the cup. And then it does.

ANNC NORWEGIEN: Yes, he makes it! Again our boy! He makes birdie on 18!

VIKTOR HOVLAND: (laughing)

VIKTOR HOVLAND: I've seen it a couple times. They're pretty known to be pretty passionate back home when they're commentating, maybe not so unbiased...

HENRIK BJORNSTAD: It's emotional to watch it again. It's just an impulsive reaction and a burst of joy.

ANNC NORWEGIEN CONTINUED: Look how ice cold he is!

HENRIK BJORNSTAD: We had a collective headache after he was finished.

ANNC NORWEGIEN: He's unreal that kid! What a star.

NATS: So you watched him when you were a kid?

VIKTOR HOVLAND: Yeah, and he's commentating for me playing, pretty cool. It's kind of come full circle.

HENRIK BJORNSTAD: It feels like a lifetime ago...

ANNC: Henrik Bjornstad, Native of Norway.

HENRIK BJORNSTAD: I know I had just making a cut over there was.

ANNC BJORNSTAD: Yes, 3 in a row!

HENRIK BJORNSTAD: For me, it was a little bit tough. But for Viktor, I think, he's been through the college deal and he knows, he's got a network over there now.

VIKTOR HOVLAND: I've lived in Stillwater, Oklahoma for the last five years, and I definitely feel very Americanized.

HENRIK BJORNSTAD: It's a huge deal for Norway as a golfing nation to finally have a superstar who is featuring on the TV screens every week.

VIKTOR HOVLAND: I didn't really think about it too much, my first year on TOUR, but when I went back home for summer a couple of months ago, and I was just gonna play at a random golf course in Norway...

HENRIK BJORNSTAD: His name popped up on the booking for the starting time and 300 spectators showed up out of nowhere. They flew in just to watch him play a practice round.

VIKTOR HOVLAND: People have been flying in from places to just to watch me play golf at a random course with some of my buddies so that's when it kinda hit me.

HENRIK BJORNSTAD: Viktor is going through a whole lot of another level of pressure and media attention from all the angles.

HENRIK BJORNSTAD: That's another thing that's super impressive, looking how much attention he's getting and how he's coping with it.

ANNC: Nicely done, playing in his 2nd TOUR Championship, the 23-year old from Norway.

HENRIK BJORNSTAD: He's got a very mature head on a young set of shoulders.



VIKTOR HOVLAND: I think I'm a lot more stressed out than maybe it looks. The way I deal with it, is by trying to relax, trying to smile, trying to have fun.

ANNC: Viktor Hovland! What a way to do it!!

ANNC: Birdie at the last and he wins for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time on the PGA TOUR.

HENRIK BJORNSTAD: The personality he has, the smile. And the golf that he delivers week in and week out, it's huge for Norwegian golf.

VIKTOR HOVLAND: Handling pressure is just a personality trait. Sometimes, the pressure is there, and you can't really hide it, and you just gotta look at it in its eyes and try to deal with it.

HENRIK BJORNSTAD: It shows how mentally strong he is. To see him now one of the big stars in the world, it's just so impressive. He is the real deal. The kid from Norway.

### **Success by Region Intro**

ANNC: The "Rors" have returned in golf!

**THE 2020-2021 PGA TOUR SEASON WAS A MELTING POT OF CHAMPIONS, CONSISTING OF 18 INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS REPRESENTING 10 COUNTRIES.**

ANNC: Sergio Garcia is a winner for the 11th time on the PGA TOUR!

**EUROPEANS LED THE CHARGE WITH 6 VICTORIES...**

**WHILE MEXICO'S PREMIER TALENTS TOOK HOME TWO TITLES FOR LATIN AMERICA.**

ANNC: Oh! Carlos Ortiz! Closes it out in style!

ANNC: Abraham Ancer has his first PGA TOUR victory!

### **Aussie Feature Mini**

**AND WHEN IT COMES TO REGIONAL SUCCESS, AUSTRALIA IS A MAINSTAY ON THE PGA TOUR CIRCUIT ... AND THE ONLY THING MORE CONSISTENT THAN THEIR PLAY ... IS THEIR PRIDE.**

ADAM SCOTT: I feel like every time I come and play, especially outside Australia, that I'm representing my country.

MARC LEISHMAN: There's a few of us that hang around together – Cameron, Scotty, Matty Jones – that friendship's been great. We can spend time away from the golf course not talking about golf.

MARC LEISHMAN: It's funny when one Australian wins, normally more follow. It happened a couple of years ago when Cam won the Sony ...I won in San Diego at the Farmers Insurance ...And then Scotty won the Riviera.

**THE AUSSIE MOMENTUM CARRIED INTO 2021 WHEN MATT JONES WON ON THE PGA TOUR FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2014 ...**

MATT JONES: It means the world. Seven years between wins, it's been a battle. I've had ups, I've had downs, but to win a second time, it's phenomenal.

**AND THEN CAM SMITH AND MARC LEISHMAN FOLLOWED SUIT A MONTH LATER WHEN THEY TEAMED UP TO WIN THE ZURICH CLASSIC...**

ANNC: Team Mullet takes it in New Orleans!

CAM SMITH: We just know each other so well and we're just really good friends. I mean, our golf games aren't too dissimilar.

**AND CAM DAVIS JOINED HIS COMPATRIOTS WITH HIS FIRST WIN ON THE PGA TOUR.**

ANNC: Davis does it in Detroit!

CAM DAVIS: I feel like it's been a really nice steady upward trend. It's nice to keep moving forward and I hope to keep that going.

ADAM SCOTT: Australian golf ... the talent runs deep.

**South African Golf**

**OF THE COPIOUS GLOBAL SUCCESS ON TOUR THIS SEASON – SOUTH AFRICA CERTAINLY CANNOT BE OVERLOOKED...**

ANNC: And how clutch is Brendan Grace.

**AS THE COUNTRY ENTERED THE WINNER'S CIRCLE FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2019...**

**WITH WINS FROM GRACE, HIGGO, AND VAN ROOYEN – AND THE CONTINUED STRONG PLAY OF LOUIS OOSTHUIZEN WITH A TOP-5 IN 4 MAJORS THIS SEASON...**

**ONLY PROVES THE STATE OF SOUTH AFRICAN GOLF IS WELL IN BALANCE.**

ERIK VAN ROOYEN: Really healthy, really good.

LOUIS OOSTHUIZEN: We will always be a big golf country. We just got sport blood in our country.

ERIK VAN ROOYEN: For a relatively small country and a small population that play golf it's phenomenal to see the amount of players playing at such a high level.

GARRICK HIGGO: South African golf's in a really, really good place. I think it's got to do with who you look up to in a way.

**SOUTH AFRICAN GOLF HAS SEEMED TO COME IN WAVES THROUGHOUT THE YEARS...STARTING WITH THE PATRIARCH, GARY PLAYER.**

ANNC: Oh my word!

**TO NICK PRICE...TO THE "BIG EASY" – AND "THE GOOSE".**

ERIK VAN ROOYEN: It was guys like Ernie, Retief Goosen and Trevor Immelman – those kind of guys that inspired me and then Louis came along and Charl.

**AND NOW – THE NEW WAVE IS ALREADY MAKING THEIR MARK.**

TREVOR IMMELMAN: In the last 10 or 15 years there's been a few people down in South Africa that really focused on grass roots building of Junior Golf. We're starting to see the benefit of that now with these players coming through the ranks.

**WHICH COULD MEAN AN EXTENDED ROLE IN THE 2022 PRESIDENTS CUP – WITH FELLOW SOUTH AFRICAN – AND 2008 MASTERS CHAMPION HEADING THE CHARGE.**

TREVOR IMMELMAN: We're on a nice run right now. Eight players in the top 100 in the world ranking, which is quite impressive really when you think of the size of South Africa and the amount of golfers that we have down there.

**TRUE – CONSIDERING THE OTHER SOUTH AFRICANS IN THE PIPELINE WHO HAVE STARTED TO GAIN NOTARIETY ON TOUR.**

ANNC: Wow, this one absolutely torched.

WILCO NIENABER: The competition back home is really good. There's a lot of South Africans really doing well this year on all tours and I do think some of it starts on the Sunshine Tour.

LOUIS OOSTHUIZEN: We've got loads of others knocking on the door, and playing some good golf, and it's great to see the guys coming through.

### **Korean Feature**

**THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, THERE'S BEEN AN UPRISE OF SOUTH KOREAN SUCCESS ON TOUR, AND MOMENTUM ONLY GREW IN THE 2020-2021 SEASON....**

ANNC: Si Woo Kim with a 64 to win the American Express.

**STARTING WITH SI WOO KIM REKINDLING HIS SUCCESS FROM THE 2017 PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP.**

SI WOO KIM: I thought that after my win at the PLAYERS Championship that I would win more and do better, but I went through tough times so it was difficult. However, I was able to overcome these difficulties through this win.

**THE SEASON ALSO WITNESSED ANOTHER RISING STAR FROM SOUTH KOREA, 30-YEAR-OLD K-H LEE, THANKS TO A BREAKTHROUGH WIN IN TEXAS.**

ANNC: A dream come true for KH Lee. His first win on PGA TOUR.

KH LEE: Even when I think about it now, I remember how thrilled and excited I was.

KJ CHOI: I am like the older brother. When I gave him a hug, I could feel that KH was excited and still nervous. And when I told him thank you, I said that "You did a great job."

KH LEE: When I saw him, I was so surprised and thankful. He has been waiting for the new generation of players to win and when he gave me a hug and encouraged me, it became an unforgettable moment for me.

**AND THE CURRENT GENERATION CONTINUES TO MAKE THEIR MARK – AS SUNGJAE IM CONTINUED HIS SUSTAINED SUCCESS WHEN HE QUALIFIED FOR HIS THIRD-STRAIGHT TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP...AND ALSO BROKE A SCORING RECORD IN THE PROCESS...**

ANNC: Is it there? Yes it is! And Sungjae Im has more birdies in a season than anybody in PGA TOUR history!

**AS HIS 494TH BIRDIE ECLIPSED THE 21-YEAR MARK.**

SUNGJAE IM: I've always wanted to play a ranked match among the 30 best players every year and because I was able to play for three consecutive years, I am so happy.

KJ CHOI: Now I see them on the PGA TOUR, I am so proud of them being so confident. Putting in some good work and being polite, I am very proud of them. I am so thankful to see that.

### Hideki Feature

#### **AND ASIA CONTINUED TO RISE LAST SEASON – AS HIDEKI MATSUYAMA SENT SHOCKWAVES THROUGH JAPAN AFTER HE CAPTURED THE COUNTRIES FIRST GREEN JACKET...**

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: Things have changed a little bit, and I welcome that.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: He's been that one pro that's been on the PGA TOUR from Japan, that really could do it.

JIM NANTZ: The story of Hideki delivering Japan its first green jacket was so gigantic. I can't even imagine how his hands weren't shaking the whole time. My hands were shaking and I was just broadcasting it.

JORDAN SPIETH: How big golf is there and trying to become a major champion. To win the Masters, I mean it's just otherworldly.

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: I realize now the responsibility that goes with a major championship. I'm flattered by the added attention, and I'll try my best to prepare well for what's to come.

HITOSHI IWAMOTO: His last name is Matsuyama same as the name of Ehime's capital city. Our first daily newspaper was published in 1876, one hundred forty-five years ago, and we've been issuing our paper every day since then. We'd been waiting for that moment for a long time. Every year we were ready to publish the extra. So we were very happy to finally have the opportunity.

RYUJI URUKI: For my work, I try and not to take a day off. If you take time off, you become complacent. I was at home watching the coverage. I pushed back our operation time a little bit. Of course I was happy to see him win.

ISAO AOKI: I was up at 3:30 am every morning during Masters week watching him play. When he made the last putt, I just looked down without saying a word. I managed to fight back my tears. I was just so happy.

ISAO AOKI: In my case, I was curious. I wanted to see how golf was played in the United States, and what kind of players were there.

ANNC: That's a beauty. Oh, I don't believe it, that's in the hole.

SHIGEKI MARUYAMA: I was able to make it to the PGA TOUR because I saw Aoki-san win the Hawaiian Open when I was a kid, and I wanted to be like him.

ANNC: Shigeiki Maruyama – wins for the first time on the PGA TOUR.

SHIGEKI MARUYAMA: Nobody before me had won a PGA title in the mainland, but after I did, more players started winning tournaments in the U.S. This made me very happy to see.

ANNC: Matsuyama, makes the Memorial, his maiden voyage to victory. Masterful performance by Matsuyama. A star shines brightly over Japan tonight.

RYO ISHIKAWA: During the 4 years I spent in the U.S., I was a bit overwhelmed by the number of great golfers around me. So mentally I was quite exhausted. Hideki on the other hand succeeded because of his strong commitment to stick to his own game.

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: I just tried to stay patient because certain aspects of my game were improving little by little, and I was expecting that everything would eventually fall into place.

ISAO AOKI: It's been 85 years since the first Japanese player appeared in the Masters, but when the history books are written about Japanese athletes in the Masters, a new era has begun with Hideki's win. I'm sure there will be many more who'd like to follow in Matsuyama's steps.

SHIGEKI MARUYAMA: Because of him, golf courses in Japan are crowded, driving ranges are packed, and golf shops can barely keep products on their shelves. Japan's experiencing a golf boom right now thanks to Hideki's win, and it's only going to continue to get bigger.

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA: I'm after them all. I want to work hard and keep up my performance so that I can take my mind off the past.

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### Season of Champions Intro

**WITH BRYSON DeCHAMBEAU AND DUSTIN JOHNSON WINNING THE FIRST TWO MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE FALL OF 2020, HIDEKI MATSUYAMA CONTINUED THE TREND OF TOP TALENTS TAKING HOME MAJOR TITLES AT THE 2021 MASTERS...**

**AND AS THE SEASON GEARED UP – NOTABLE NAMES JOINED THEM IN THE WINNERS CIRCLE...**

ANNC: Jordan Spieth!

NATS: Rory! Rory!

ANNC: Patrick Cantlay!

**AND THE GAMES CRÈME DE LA CRÈME CONTINUED TO RISE TO THE TOP FROM THE SPRING TO THE SUMMER – IN THE NOTABLE "SEASON OF CHAMPIONS".**

**JT Content**

**2021 SAW PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL GROWTH FOR JUSTIN THOMAS – AMID A DIFFICULT START TO THE SEASON... A YEAR MADE EVEN MORE TUMULTUOUS AFTER THE LOSS OF HIS GRANDFATHER.**

JUSTIN THOMAS: It's been a tough, crazy year for me. I wasn't playing very well and when I thought everything's starting to get a little bit better, everything happens with my grandpa just totally out of the blue.

JUSTIN THOMAS: When something bad happens, whatever it might be, it's easy to look at it as this is terrible. Instead of flipping it and saying, how can I learn from this situation and become a better person, role model, golfer everything because of it.

ANNC: A perfect surround for golf's first mega event of 2021. THE PLAYERS is underway.

**HAVING LEARNED FROM VARIOUS SETBACKS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, THOMAS NARROWLY AVOIDED A MISSED CUT. AND THEN AN 8-UNDER ROUND ON MOVING DAY PUT HIM JUST THREE STROKES OFF THE LEAD – WELL WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE ENTERING THE FINAL ROUND.**

JUSTIN THOMAS: I played really, really well on Sunday. I think I hit the first 10 greens in regulation and I was only one under par. I hit some good putts, they just weren't going in.

JUSTIN THOMAS: So then 11, hit a great drive, a great 4 iron in there and hit it about 15, 18 feet and that was the first putt that I really had made that day.

ANNC: Justin Thomas has it! Eagle at 11 to take the lead at THE PLAYERS!

JUSTIN THOMAS: I had a two-shot lead. I need to keep it dry. Sometimes when I get in that adrenaline I get a little quick and I did but I hit it really, really hard.

JUSTIN THOMAS: I thought it was 50/50 in the air on if it was gonna go in the water or stay up.

ANNC: He's playing that big right to left looper. Easy.

JUSTIN THOMAS: Luckily, it went far enough to where it kinda got around that corner, and I was able to breathe when the ball landed and kicked straight for me.

ANNC: Justin Thomas is the 2021 PLAYERS Championship winner.

NATS: You lost your grandfather who you were very close with. How much of a part of him was with you today?

JUSTIN THOMAS: A lot. I wish I could talk to him. I know he was watching.

JUSTIN THOMAS: It's a golf course I said from I felt like when I first played it, I was gonna win there. I love the course, I love everything about the place. So I was glad to do that. And now it's just trying to see how many I can get.

**THOMAS' 14TH CAREER PGA TOUR VICTORY BEFORE THE AGE OF 28 PUT HIM IN ELITE COMPANY, BUT STILL 30 WINS BEHIND A MAN NEARLY TWICE HIS AGE, WHO WOULD MAKE HIS OWN HISTORY IN AN EVENT THAT THOMAS WON FOUR YEARS AGO.**

### *Mickelson Mini*

NATS: What did I just witness? History! History! Greatness! Excellence! That was history and we appreciate it!

**THERE IS NO LACK OF ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE PHIL MICKELSON'S VICTORY AT THE PGA CHAMPIONSHIP...**

**BUT NONE MORE APPROPRIATE THAN ... "HISTORIC".**

JIM NANTZ: Nothing can ever top what happened to Kiawah. That story is in the top five of any story I've had a chance to document in 36 years.

JON RAHM: It's such incredible accomplishment what he just did at the age of 50. That's a record that have been there since the 1960s.

PHIL MICKELSON: It was a very special week. I don't know how to put it into words.

**MICKELSON'S RECORD-BREAKING ACHIEVEMENT FURTHER CEMENTED HIS LEGACY IN THE GAME OF GOLF. IN ADDITION TO BECOMING THE OLDEST MAJOR CHAMPION IN HISTORY, HE BECAME THE 4TH PLAYER TO WIN ON THE PGA TOUR IN FOUR DIFFERENT DECADES AND BROKE THE RECORD OF LONGEST TIME BETWEEN FIRST AND LAST PGA TOUR VICTORIES.**

BILLY HORSCHER: There was always that question, 'was Phil ever gonna win again?' He could easily just have ridden off into the sunset, hall of fame career.

JORDAN SPIETH: He's probably worked harder in the last five or six years, than the 10 before that. He wants it as bad as ever.



ADAM SCOTT: Gives me motivation to kinda keep myself in that in that healthy physical place.

PHIL MICKELSON: Either that's going to be my last win and I'm going to have one of the most cherished victories of my career or I may have found a little something and maybe I can execute and play golf at the highest level for a nice extended period of time now. I don't know which one it's going to be, but either way, they are both positive.

JIM NANTZ: I'd take the odds right now that 53 years from now, his records not gonna be broken. I think that one's gonna sit there for a long time, maybe forever.

JON RAHM: I hope that at the age of 50, I can still play as good as he's playing right now and still contend for majors.

### **Rahm Mini**

#### **JUST PAST THE HALFWAY POINT TO AGE 50, JON RAHM MADE A GIANT LEAP IN HIS EFFORTS TO FOLLOW IN PHIL'S FOOTSTEPS.**

JON RAHM: It seems like stars are aligning, it feels like something good is coming up. San Diego was my favorite city before I met Kelly and it was her favorite city before I met Kelly. I never thought it would become what it's becoming right now especially my first Father's Day being there. So, hopefully I can add a fourth reason to why it's special in a couple of weeks.

#### **NOT EVEN THE STARS COULD WRITE A BETTER SCRIPT FOR THE BIGGEST TITLE OF JON RAHM'S CAREER.**

JON RAHM: I played a great round of golf on Sunday, I played a great tournament in general. And was really proud of how I handled things and finished very strong.

SERGIO GARCIA: I don't even have to tell you how proud I am to see him win another major championship for Spain. It's great to see another Spaniard doing so well being on top of the world, and winning majors.

TONY FINAU: Pretty special to watch him win the U.S. Open I think that's probably the crowning moment on the PGA TOUR this year.

#### **RAHM'S U.S. OPEN VICTORY WAS HIS SOLE WIN THIS SEASON, BUT HE FILLED OUT THE REST OF HIS SEASON RESUME WITH 15 TOP 10s, INCLUDING 5 TOP 3'S, IN 22 STARTS.**

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Jon Rahm has been by far, the most consistent player out of any one of us out on tour this year and he won a major. That puts him in a separate category versus another guy that has won multiple times throughout the season.

JON RAHM: I pride myself on that. Some people only cares about wins. There's a difference to me between finishing 10th and 9<sup>th</sup> and there's a difference to me between finishing 31st and 30th. And that's how I play and that's probably why I've been very consistent over my career.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Getting to know Jon, having him as a friend now, to see his success and to see how well he's played since he's turned pro, it's definitely someone I look up to.

### **Morikawa Mini**

ANNC: Colin Morikawa is a World Golf Champion at The Concession...

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Every week we're stepping out here, we're trying to win.

**MIDWAY THROUGH THE PGA TOUR'S SUPER SEASON, COLIN MORIKAWA'S VICTORY AT THE CONCESSION IN EARLY 2021 PROVED TO THE WORLD HIS PGA CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY WAS JUST THE BEGINNING...THEN 5 MONTHS LATER, MORIKAWA TRIUMPHED MAJORLY YET AGAIN.**

COLLIN MORIKAWA: I still remember that walk, I was walking by myself. I looked back, JJ, my caddie was way behind me. So, I embraced it but I still had to finish off the tournament.

DUSTIN JOHNSON: Collin – he's a really good young player and it's great to see him having so much success early on he's learned quick how to perform in the big moments.

**MORIKAWA'S 2-SHOT VICTORY AT ROYAL ST. GEORGE'S WAS MADE ALL THE MORE SPECIAL THANKS TO THE LEGION OF FANS, ABSENT FOR HIS FIRST MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIP, WHO SAW HIM PERSERVERE THROUGH THE PRESSURE.**

COLLIN MORIKAWA: Those fans at the open...to finally get a glimpse of what they're like, it's the best, they understand the game and it just keeps you going especially in that final round when I was making a lot of par saves.

ADAM SCOTT: On Sunday, he made very few errors around St. George's and leaned on his great ball striking and that got it done.

**RANKED FIRST IN STROKES GAINED: APPROACH THE GREEN IN 2020-2021, MORIKAWA'S EXPERT IRON PLAY WAS CRUCIAL DOWN THE STRETCH AT THE OPEN AND IS A SKILL HE LOOKS TO DEPEND ON AS HIS CAREER CONTINUES TO DEVELOP.**

ANNC: Beautiful shot.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: I love to be creative. Going to links golf you have to create shots. You have to create high low, left right, right left. And trusting my swing, and then going on to actually executing those shots.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: I set a bunch of goals, and we've hit a lot of them, but for me I wanna be contending more. There's a lot of good things to look forward to, but I also have to enjoy what I've done over this past year and a half of golf.

### **Depth of Talent on TOUR**

JUSTIN ROSE: The depth of talent is what makes it difficult to win out here. There's a lot of pressure, too, but if you can handle that, you have a much better chance.

### **FACING SUPREME COMPETITION WEEK IN AND WEEK OUT, 10 PLAYERS BROKE THROUGH AND BECAME FIRST-TIME PGA TOUR WINNERS...**

ANNC: A dream come true for K.H. Lee!

### **SEVEN OF WHICH WERE INTERNATIONAL.**

ABRAHAM ANKER: Every year the fields have gotten stronger. There's so many good players out here anybody can win, which speaks amazing about this tour, how strong it is.

### **14 EVENTS WERE DECIDED IN A PLAYOFF...**

ANNC: It's over! Harris English ends it with a birdie on the 8th playoff hole!

### **AND WITH SO MANY COMPETITIVE FINISHES, THE MARGIN OF VICTORY WAS ONLY 1.49 STROKES – THE LOWEST IN THE LAST FIVE SEASONS.**

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: If you wanna win tournaments, you just have to deal with this sort of stress and crazy moments that the game throws you while you're coming down the stretch. So, it's definitely very difficult, but yet it's very rewarding as well once you're able to do it.

### **WITH FIELDS STACKED WITH AN ABUNDANCE OF THE WORLD'S BEST, THE TOUR'S 36% 54-HOLE CONVERSION RATE WAS THE FOURTH LOWEST THIS CENTURY.**

ADAM SCOTT: When there's that added pressure with the lead, you're seeing guys play a little more defensive and guys from seven back can shoot the lights out and storm up there and post numbers. The difference in the score can be huge on that day when the pressure is off and freewheeling.

### **AND THE 28-YEAR AGE GAP BETWEEN THE YOUNGEST AND OLDEST WINNER MARKS THE SECOND WIDEST SPREAD ON TOUR SINCE 1970.**

**PHIL MICKELSON RETURNED TO THE WINNERS CIRCLE FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2019...**

**BUT 14 OTHER PLAYERS BROKE A WIN DROUGHT OF 3 YEARS OR LONGER.**

**Veteran Resurgence and Drought Breakers**

ANNC: Stewart Cink, win number 7 in his PGA TOUR career he is now back in the winner's circle!

**47-YEAR-OLD STEWART CINK WASTED NO TIME, WINNING THE FIRST EVENT OF THE SEASON TO SNAP AN 11-YEAR DROUGHT AT THE FORTINET CHAMPIONSHIP.**

JIM NANTZ: I think sometimes there's a feeding frenzy. Somebody sees that, Stewart Cink won, well then, I can win. Stewart Cink can win, then Sergio can win.

ANNC: Sergio Garcia is a winner for the 11th time on the PGA TOUR! His first victory in more than 3 years!

SERGIO GARCIA: Winning anywhere is difficult, anywhere in the world, winning on the PGA TOUR is even tougher. The young guys coming out, they're bigger and better than they ever been. They're very prepared and they play very, very aggressively. And it's not easy to keep up with them some of the weeks. But we know that when our game is on and we're feeling it, we can keep up with anyone.

ANNC: Hudson Swafford wins the Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship!

HUDSON SWAFFORD: The PGA TOUR is such a deep product. The game's a lot younger. Some of the older guys are staying around. I mean, they're obviously very competitive and really good at golf. So, I think I feel like anybody can win.

**THE "OLDER GUYS" CONTINUED THE TREND, BREAKING DROUGHTS OF 7-PLUS YEARS.**

ANNC: Martin Laird, welcome back to the winner's circle!

ANNC: Brian Gay – it's been a while, but he's back in the winner's circle on the PGA TOUR! Three players in their 40s win so far in this young season!

ANNC: Matt Jones cruises home with a 68 and a 5-shot victory!

**AND 41-YEAR-OLD LUCAS GLOVER MOWED DOWN THE COMPETITION AT THE JOHN DEERE CLASSIC FOR HIS FOURTH WIN SPANNING THREE DIFFERENT DECADES.**

ANNC: Lucas Glover wins for the first time in 10 years!

**BUT IT WASN'T JUST THE 40-AND-OLDER VETERANS SHAKING OFF THE RUST...**

ANNC: Harris English, the drought is over!

ANNC: Branden Grace, is the winner at the Puerto Rico Open!

ANNC: Siwoo Kim is now a 3-time winner on the PGA TOUR!

JIM NANTZ: Of course, the one we've all been waiting for was Jordan to win again.

**JORDAN SPIETH BLAZED HIS WAY ONTO THE PGA TOUR WITH 11 WINS IN HIS FIRST 5 SEASONS, BUT HAD COOLED OFF AND WAS SEARCHING FOR HIS FIRST WIN SINCE 2017.**

JORDAN SPIETH: It's very hard to win, every field's very deep. So I think sometimes when you maybe aren't winning you think something's wrong and you start to kind of try and fix it when maybe nothing was wrong.

ANNC: In the state of Texas, Jordan Spieth breaks the winless drought!

JORDAN SPIETH: I've done a pretty good job the last couple years being able to stay my own path and kind of shut out all the noise. I believe in myself, I've always bet on myself, and I'll continue to do that.

### **Xander Olympics Mini**

ANNC: Schauffele, the last guy with a chance...has to hole it...

**AS A PERENNIAL THREAT EVERY TIME HE TEES IT UP...**

ANNC: Oh man! He gave it a shot indeed!

**XANDER SCHAUFFELE FINISHED RUNNER-UP THREE TIMES THIS SEASON...**

ANNC: It's gonna be a tough pill to swallow.

**BUT SCHAUFFELE HAS STOMACHED EIGHT 2ND PLACE FINISHES SINCE HE LAST WON...**

**UNTIL HE BROKE THROUGH FOR HIS GOLDEN MOMENT LATE IN THE REGULAR SEASON.**

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Probably the hardest thing I have ever done in my golfing career, but it just feels much sweeter since I was able to pull that off.

ANNC: "Xander Schauffele becomes the first rookie to win the Tour Championship.

**BOLD STATEMENT - CONSIDERING THE LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS XANDER SCHAUFFELE HAS RACKED UP BY AGE 27.**

**AND WHILE THAT STOUT LIST OF ACHIEVEMENTS ARE QUITE APPETIZING...HIS MOST RECENT ONE??**

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: It tastes good (haha).

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I was a little overwhelmed and speechless...the moment was bigger than me and standing on the podium, the US Flag being raised, national anthem playing...

**SCHAUFFELE ENDED HIS WINLESS DROUGHT DATING BACK TO THE 2019 SENTRY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS – YET WHAT’S EVEN MORE SPECIAL IS WINNING WITH THE 54-HOLE LEAD FOR THE FIRST TIME.**

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I am really competitive and I hate losing and here I am losing a lot getting so close...I would be lying if I say it was easy coming down the stretch.

**IT WAS SCHAUFFELE'S 2ND WIN IN ASIA – WHICH IS FITTING CONSIDERING THE LINEAGE OF HIS MOTHER.**

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: It's really full circle with my whole family.

**AND WHILE THE GOLD ADDS GLORY TO XANDER'S CAREER, IT ALSO CARRIES AN INCOMPARABLE WEIGHT BECAUSE OF XANDER'S FATHER, AND LIFE-LONG SWING COACH, STEFAN.**

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: All his memories were based on Olympics, what he sacrificed for training, he put all his eggs in one basket, unfortunately it was taken away from him...

**STEFAN WAS AN OLYMPIC HOPEFUL FOR GERMANY IN THE DECATHLON – BUT AN UNFORTUNATE CAR ACCIDENT COST HIM HIS LEFT EYESIGHT AND HIS OLYMPIC DREAM.**

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Me being able to deliver, a gold medal, nonetheless any medal, it's just a dream come true .... Very happy to deliver this for him and share with him.

**FEC Mini**

**AND AS THE TOP 125 FROM THE SUPER SEASON WERE PRIMED FOR THE PLAYOFFS...**

**IT WAS ONE WITHOUT A WIN FROM THE CAMPAIGN WHO EMERGED – CONTINUING THE "DROUGHT BREAKING" TREND FROM THE REGULAR SEASON.**

ANNC: Big time talent wins in the shadows of the Big Apple.

TONY FINAU: That almost 2000 days of not getting the job done and a lot of close calls, I never gave up on myself and to have that walk – kind of that victory walk – knowing you're going to win a big golf tournament, it's a special feeling. I believed that it would happen again and I believe it's gonna happen many more times to come.

**WHILE IT WAS ANOTHER WHO PARLAYED HIS TWO WINS FROM THE REGULAR SEASON...**

ANNC: There is no give up in this guy, and finally a little emotion from Cantlay.

**INTO TWO MORE IN THE POSTSEASON.**

ANNC: What an achievement, wire to wire.

**AND CAME INTO HIS OWN – WITH THE EMERGENCE OF "PATTY ICE".**

PATRICK CANTLAY: I try to stay in the present moment as much as I possibly can. Any outside noise is just not important, any extra energy spent worrying about other things is not gonna help and that's where my headspace is in. And the results is a result of me staying focused.

ANNC: FedExCup Champion, Patrick Cantlay.

**EARNING THE RESPECT OF THE FANS – WHO HAVE EMBRACED HIS WAYS WHOLEHEARTEDLY.**

FAN NATS: Patty Ice!

PATRICK CANTLAY: I fall almost into a trance. I don't know how Tiger was able to transfer himself before the shot. And then the minute that the putt was going towards the hole he turned into the most animated character you've ever seen in your whole life. That was his talent, I have the first part, I just never leave the trance mode it's very hard for me to get into that second part.

## Cantlay Feature

### **IT'S THIS MENTALITY, THAT HELPED GET HIM THROUGH THE ADVERSITY HE FACED EARLY IN HIS CAREER.**

PATRICK CANTLAY: Growing up, I felt like I got better and better in golf and life got better and better, and then it got as bad as it could have been. I felt as low as it could have been for a little while.

JAMIE MULLIGAN: He's worked really hard to get to this spot. People wouldn't say hi to you, they said, 'when's Patrick gonna play golf again?'

### **DIAGNOSED WITH A STRESS FRACTURE IN HIS VERTABRAE IN 20-13, CANTLAY SUFFERED THROUGH CONTINUAL SETBACKS UNTIL HE SHUT HIS GAME DOWN IN JANUARY OF 20-16.**

PATRICK CANTLAY: You get your mind frame wrapped around I'm ready to play and realizing you can't play just felt like I kept getting kicked in the teeth over and over again. It's extremely difficult.

### **MONTHS LATER, HE WITNESSED THE PASSING OF HIS LONG-TIME FRIEND AND CADDIE, CHRIS ROTH, AFTER HE WAS STRUCK BY A DRUNK DRIVER.**

PATRICK CANTLAY: Everything you have or you thought you had going for you is just gone.

JAMIE MULLIGAN: You're not supposed to have your best friend die in your arms, period. And you're not to have somebody that at a point of their life where they're already low have to go through that.

PATRICK CANTLAY: You just feel like nothing matters. Nothing matters nothing can move your meter, positive, or negative because you're as low as you can go, and nothing's gonna make it better.

JAMIE MULLIGAN: It was hard to watch him suffer emotionally and know that he was in trouble physically, but we didn't lose any of the faith.

### **AS HIS REHAB CONTINUED, CANTLAY NOT ONLY LOOKED WITHIN – BUT ALSO, TO THE MEMORIES OF HIS BEST FRIEND.**

PATRICK CANTLAY: He was always certain that I'd figure it out. I got so fed up and so pissed off with feeling bad. I decided I was gonna get healthy no matter what, there's just no other option.

### **13 MONTHS AFTER SHUTTING HIS GAME DOWN – CANTLAY MADE HIS RETURN – AND IMMEDIATELY SHOWED THE PROMISE HE DISPLAYED AS AN AMATUER...**



**CEMENTING HIMSELF BACK WITH THE GAME'S ELITE – YEAR AFTER YEAR – WIN AFTER WIN.**

PATRICK CANTLAY: I feel like I am a better person having gone through those dark days. But it gives me great perspective and it makes me very grateful to be in the position I'm in today, because it wasn't always a sure thing.

**WITH HIS SEASON LONG TITLE ULTIMATELY CULMINATING IN PLAYER OF THE YEAR HONORS...**

**AN HONOR BESTOWED UPON "PATTY ICE" BY HIS PEERS.**

PATRICK CANTLAY: I'm not trying to be anybody other than myself because I think that gives me the best chance to succeed.

XANDER SCHAUFFEL: People are just starting to realize, who he is, and appreciate sort of his, his mentality. He was just finally put in the correct light for people to sorta see his demeanor.

PATRICK CANTLAY: Embracing yourself and embracing who you are naturally, while trying to work on who you are and make yourself better, that's where I'm really at and that's where I'm trying to live.

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