**2022 PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS LEARNING CENTER SHOW #3**

VO/OC>> Many have worn the conquistador helmet first awarded way back in 1968. It signals a champion here in Tucson and we crowned another at the Cologuard Classic. Welcome to learning center. I’m Vince Cellini. It's not just the iconic trophy it also means that a player navigated his way through that big finish at Omni Tucson National. For a recap of Sunday and our third event of the year let's go to the man who called the action Bob Papa and Lanny Wadkins.

VO>> Cologuard Classic at Omni Tucson National for the eighth consecutive year third event on the PGA Tour Champions. Miguel Ángel Jiménez who won the season opener in Hawaii at Hualalai in route to an opening round six under sixty-six Lanny. Makes an ace at the par three seventh.

VO>> Hundred ninety-three yards six iron would prove to be his special club of the week. Dead center takes him a minute to go oh my goodness it went in the hole, but he celebrates well.

VO>> High fives from Jerry Kelly and Bernard Langer so after Jimenez in the final round birdies the par four first. Roles in this eagle putt at the par five second.

VO>> Yeah great ball striking to get his round started just a very good looking eagle right there at the second.

VO>> Bernard Langer who won last week at the Chubb classic in Naples Florida trying to make a run on this Sunday. Rolling in this birdie putt at the fifth. Miguel Ángel Jiménez got to the green in two at the eighth but after his eagle putt traveled past, he rolls in that putt for birdie. Back out on the sixteen under bogey at nine and then a birdie at the par five twelfth.

VO>> Played the par five beautifully today. Had played them four under through the first three par fives, he would three putt eventually seventeen for a par.

VO>> This is where he iced it Lanny at the par three fourteenth.

VO>> Another six iron turns it right to left all over the flag, for ace number two of the week.

VO>> And that got him to eighteen under. A little dance on the green. Another fist pump, high five from Jerry Kelly twice in one week. And then at the hardest finishing hole arguably on the PGA Tour Champions for non-major. Rolls in the putt for par. One final dash of the sword. Miguel Ángel Jiménez victorious for the first time here at Omni Tucson National. He picks up his twelfth win on the PGA Tour Champions and Lanny really setting him up for a really good year and maybe an opportunity to win his first Charles Schwab Cup.

VO>> Winning this way today Bob I think is a big boost to confidence for him. He drove the ball outstanding. He is in line for a monster year and probably been a while coming. Look out for Miguel as the year goes forward.

VO>> Langer gave it a run with a bogey free sixty-five but it wasn't enough the same with Woody Austin PGA Tour Champions in Newport Beach next week.

VO>> What a week for Jimenez. Who has won at least once in all eight seasons on this tour. And these are worth another look starting with a hole in one in the opening round last Friday. A six iron from one ninety-six on number seven in breezy conditions. But wait there's more, final round par three fourteenth Miguel turns this home and again finds the cup for the ace. What a weekend for a Jimenez who was the first PGA Tour Champions player since Lauren Roberts in 2006 to win two of the first three events of the season. Speaking of holes in one a year ago at the Cologuard Classic Tim Petrovic was holding pocket aces. On his way to finishing tee six Petrovic posted holes in one in consecutive rounds something that had not been done in twenty-seven years in a tour sponsored event. Tim found the cup on the par three sixteenth hole in Friday's first round and then on the par three fourteenth Saturday in round two. Enough to make anyone hit the deck.

OC>> Here we are returning to the scene of the crime at least one of them were on fourteen tee and Tim Petrovic has graciously consented to hit another hole in one so thanks, you guarantee it right?

OC>> No problem easy easy.

OC>> Well we're going to see what you got here. We’ll give you five tries to replicate that okay for us.

OC>> Yeah, no problem. That's going right at the pin where it was last year.

VO>> That was great last year.

 OC>> That's better. Yeah, that's no good come on in there baby off the bank. It's going back to that hole. We're changing clubs this ones not working. Oh, for god sakes.

VO>> And now at sixteen.

OC>> Oh that's a little left. You just can never make one when you're trying to make one right?

VO>> Not good.

OC>> That's a little better

VO>> Yeah.

VO>> That's in the middle.

VO>> All right closer.

OC>> Oh for God sakes. That's thirty-five feet, I'm trying to hard now. I feel like I'm at the state fair I just paid five bucks to get five balls. Uh oh. Uh oh.

VO>> Be good.

VO/OC>> That's better, do I have one more?

VO>> Uh huh.

OC>> It's got the line I hit a little thin, get up!

VO>> Oh yeah. You were on it just came up a little bit short.

OC>> Little short little skinny.

OC>> Listen thank you so much for doing this again. Just let the folks know that this isn’t as easy as you make it look.

OC>> I’m out of breath that's too much pressure.

VO>> While holes in one are entertaining the same could be said about Jerry Kelly's play last week in the Cologuard Classic. Take these examples from round one. Kelly as a man of the people wedging it from the hospitality area just off the fifteenth green. And Kelly going with driver off the deck on the seventeenth hole.

VO>> Popped up in the air.

VO>> I saw smoke there and there was a spark.

VO>> Finishing fourth in Tucson Jerry Kelly a Cologuard ambassador is as determined to play it as it lies as he is to recognize colon cancer survivors.

OC>> I want you guys to know how important you guys are to us for being here okay. And we want to do the same for you guys. We got you all a pair of custom footjoy shoes. Come on pick out your shoes. Come on come on!

VO/OC>> Jeez I mean just walking up I wasn't really expecting any type of surprise and just to see the table and you know open up the shoes. I just think any type of advocacy for colorectal cancer awareness is so important. What this tournament is able to do is to bring advocacy survivors together and along with a great sport like this with some people that really care is just really cool thing.

OC>> Thank you guys for being here really, I mean it. It means a lot to this tournament to have you guys here. All right let's get to work come on! All you have to do is think about oh I'm just going to hit it from here to there. The club choice has told me how far it's going to run out. All I'm going to do is make my first one. So really.

VO>> With win number twelve career and two in the first three events Miguel Ángel Jiménez remains out in front of the early Charles Schwab Cup standings. Defending Schwab Cup champion Bernard Langer is right behind. Alker and the aforementioned Kelly part of the top five. Next time learning center another major champion transitioning to the next stage of his career. Y.E. Yang is in the mix making PGA Tour Champions like himself strong competition. Y.E. Yang made his first PGA Tour Champions start a couple of weeks ago in the Chubb classic finishing tied for twelfth in his debut. Yang is known as the man who held off Tiger Woods at the 2009 PGA Championship. Now he's hoping for a second chance of success on PGA Tour Champions.

OC/VO>> (NATIVE LANGUAGE, KOREAN LANGUAGE, TRANSCRIBED IN CLOSED CAPTIONED TEXT ON SCREEN) There are a lot of legends on that Tour with a much better career than me. I will learn a lot from those players. I started playing golf at the age of 19. In December of the previous year and January of that year, I had ligament surgery and met golf by chance. My dream at the time was to be a bodybuilder and run a gym. I began playing golf and came to know the inner contents of it little by little. After I got to know some of those things, I thought I wanted to become a professional, so I worked hard. I was 36, I had children, and the average athlete retires at that age. But I decided to go to America and start at that age. At first, I went to Q-School, got my PGA TOUR card, and competed in 2008. In the winter of 2008, I participated in Q-School again and reclaimed my card.

VO>> This is different kind of pressure. He’s not just playing for himself. You are from South Korea and you are a male. I mean you are playing for your country.

OC/VO>> (NATIVE LANGUAGE, KOREAN LANGUAGE, TRANSCRIBED IN CLOSED CAPTIONED TEXT ON SCREEN) If you have a dream, if you have a mindset that you cand do it, you can do it.

VO>> Another man from South Korea has won on the PGA Tour. Joining K.J Choi is Y.E. Yang.

VO/OC>> (NATIVE LANGUAGE, KOREAN LANGUAGE, TRANSCRIBED IN CLOSED CAPTIONED TEXT ON SCREEN) I was happy to be able to compete with great players which made me feel the joy of life. Thanks to that, I was a little bit relaxed. Perhaps that contributed to the win at the PGA Championship. And if I had won the title by defeating a player similar to me, it would not have been as much of a topic of discussion. It was a player with 70 wins versus a player with one. Of course, I was on the weak side. Wherever I go, I have the pride that I am a major champion. Having the PGA Championship trophy helped me a lot for myself and my life. At first, I didn’t realize that I hoped I could win a major in the U.S., but that dream has come true, so I am grateful. I have had a slump since 2012 or 2014. Several reasons overlapped; I think. So, there were some tough times for a few years. I had neck disc problems and could not play golf for about six months. It hurt so much that I could not swing. There are ups and downs through the game. Each game makes a history of its own. Golf is fun in that sense, right? When I started on the PGA Tour, I was 36 years old, and I was a young blood. Now, I am 50 and a professional with a lot of experience. It is most important for me to manage my health. I hope I can finish the year healthy without any injuries. There is something sad about getting older, but we golfers still have the opportunity on PGA Tour Champions for another chance. I am getting ready for my final chapter as a player, but also a new beginning. It is a tour with so many legends, so it is an honor for me to be able to do it this year. I am excited to compete against them again and I am looking forward to it.

VO>> Yang was part of the first wave of Asians golf stars and is forever a major champion. He did well on the PGA Tour and 09’ remains his best season, including the time he authored one of the all-time upsets in sports topping Tiger at Hazeltine. When learning center returns the incredible story of Carter Bonas whose life was literally saved by golf. His connection to the game and making new friends like Ernie Els who can relate to Carter’s struggles. Ernie Els has two wins on PGA Tour Champions, his first came in the 2020 Hoag Classic in his third career start. But due to the Covid-19 pandemic the event was canceled last year which means this week big easy will finally be able to defend his title at Newport beach Country Club.

OC>> Usually it's Ernie Els inspiring others but recently the world golf hall of fame member was on the receiving end. At the Chubb Classic Els, whose son Ben is autistic was introduced to Carter Bonas. A ten-year-old from Coral Springs, Florida who also battles autism. Carter’s story is nothing short of amazing. Playing the game, founding his own company, and in the process dazzling us all with his amazing journey from near tragedy to incredible triumph.

OC>> I would say golf saved his life.

OC>> It's up hill so hit it a little harder than you think. Just a little bit not too much.

OC>> Carter was diagnosed with autism when he was ten months old. He was in therapy from age one until he was about five. He tried everything he tried soccer, baseball, football, but it didn't stick.

OC>> You got to bank it off the right box.

VO/OC>> And when I asked him why he said because they were always yelling and screaming and then I got kicked and I got hit, I got stepped on. So, he doesn't like to be touched so golf is perfect for him.

OC>> It feels better it feels way better. Hello.

OC>> How are you sir?

OC>> Good.

OC>> My name's Ernie.

OC>> Hello Ernie.

OC>> Ernie Els. How you doing man? I hear you are doing unbelievable.

OC>> Yeah, I'm doing good.

OC>> We started a clothing company

OC>> Yeah, I wanted to make sure I have a job because I thought nobody would employ me because I'm different.

OC/VO>> We need to get more aware of you guys that's what I've found with our son. Our son his name is Ben and he's nineteen years of age. You know we learn from you guys every single day. You know you guys are unbelievable people.

VO>> Thank you.

VO/OC>> Carter is ten years old and figures out that it he wasn't going to fit in here. Find a job can you imagine at ten years of age you figure that out?

VO>> So he said mom you spend so much money on clothes I want to start my own clothing business. Here's my business plan and he's telling me this and I don't know where he got it from, but I said okay Carter. I don't know how long it took him, but he came back, and he had Spectrum Golf.

VO>> I asked him why Spectrum Golf and he says well I’m on the spectrum and I like golf. Very simple Spectrum golf there you go.

VO/OC>> He drew the SG the G was backwards and I said well you got to go back and fix it the G is backwards. His dad looked at it and he said so what it looks good so that's how it stuck, the S and the backwards G cause he's dyslexic also.

OC>> We're going to donate five percent of our proceeds to you.

OC>> Oh that’s unbelievable. Thank you so much.

OC>> You are welcome.

OC/VO>> This is great timing for us, we want to create jobs and security for kids with autism. So, our next facility is called adult services facility. And we got a break ground on the fourth of April. We would like to invite you guys if you are around.

OC/VO>> It was amazing to hear Ernie Els speak to us earlier today and share his story with his son. Every day is an adventure every day is different every day is amazing, and I feel the same way with Carter.

OC/VO>> After many years of important work with the Els for Autism Foundation the Big Easy just may have found his new right-hand man. And we thank Carter for sharing his story and lifting us all. Well, that's our time, I’m Vince Cellini this has been learning center we'll see you next time.