TEASE 1

**ON THIS EPISODE OF ESTO ES PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA…**

**WE TRAVEL TO MAZATLÁN, MEXICO FOR THE ESTRELLA DEL MAR OPEN, THE THIRD EVENT OF OUR 2021-22 SEASON.**

Isidro Benitez Bite: Me encanta estar en Mazatlán, me encanta jugar golf en México. El clima está increíble y vamos a disfrutarlo.

I love coming to Mazatlán, I love to play golf in Mexico. The weather is great and we are going to enjoy it.

**A HISTORIC PERFORMANCE BY JOAQUÍN NIEMANN WILL TAKE US TO RIVIERA COUNTRY CLUB, WHERE THE YOUNG CHILEAN WON THE PGA TOUR’S GENESIS INVITATIONAL IN WIRE-TO-WIRE FASHION.**

Locutor Bite: He deserve it and he earned it, so congratulations.

Lo mereció y se lo ganó, así que felicitaciones.

**ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE OF ANSWERING FIVE FUN QUESTIONS, ARGENTINA’S ANDRÉS GALLEGOS WILL GIVE US A CHANCE TO GET TO KNOW HIM A LITTLE BETTER.**

**ESTO ES PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA STARTS NOW…**

TITLES:  
**ESTO ES PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA!**

MAZATLAN PARTE 1:

**FOLLOWING A TWO-MONTH BREAK, THE PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA’S UP-AND-COMING STARS MADE IT TO A VERY ENJOYABLE AND FAMILIAR VENUE ON THE MEXICAN PACIFIC COAST TO PLAY THE ESTRELLA DEL MAR OPEN.**

Isidro Benitez Bite: Me encanta estar en Mazatlán, me encanta jugar golf en México. El clima está increíble, el campo está en muy buenas condiciones. Seguramente los greens se van a ir poniendo un poquito más rápido, un poquito más duros. Hay que aprovechar al máximo todas las oportunidades de birdie, hay que ser muy sólidos arriba del green. Pero sobre todo disfrutar, yo creo que te paras en el cinco por ahí... ves la vista del mar increíble, respirar, tranquilizarte y disfrutar.

I love coming to Mazatlán, I love playing golf in Mexico. The weather is unbelievable, and the course is in great shape. We know the greens are going to get a little faster, a little harder, but you have to make the most of every birdie opportunity and play very solid on the greens. Above all, you must enjoy it. I believe it’s around hole 5… you stand over there for an incredible view of the ocean, take a breath, let it sink in, and enjoy it.

**THIS WAS THE FIFTH PLAYING OF THIS EVENT… WON IN THE PAST BY CURRENT PGA TOUR MEMBERS TYLER MCCUMBER AND MARTIN TRAINER, AND BY THE LATIN DUO OF TOMMY COCHA AND ALEXANDRE ROCHA.**

Alexandre Rocha Bite: Realmente estoy muy contento de haber ganado este torneo, principalmente en México que considero yo como mi segundo país natal, así que muchas gracias a todos.

I am really very happy to win this tournament, especially here in Mexico, a country that I consider my second home, so thank you all very much.

**THE LAST TIME THIS TOURNAMENT WAS PLAYED, TWO YEARS AGO, ALEX ROCHA WENT ON TO SET A PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA 72-HOLE RECORD AT 29-UNDER… HE SHATTERED THE OLD RECORD, SET BY AUGUSTO NUÑEZ IN 2016, BY FOUR SHOTS.**

**ON THE RETURN OF THIS CHAMPIONSHIP TO THE TOUR SCHEDULE, THE 144-MAN FIELD WAS LED BY TOTALPLAY CUP LEADER JORGE FERNÁNDEZ VALDÉS OF ARGENTINA…**

Jorge Fernández Valdés bite: Sí, acá, contento de estar de vuelta en Estrella del Mar. Un lugar impresionante para venir a jugar, a quedarse acá y a pasarla bien. Obviamente a competir que es nuestro trabajo y que bueno, pero en un lugar así es mucho más lindo. La cancha está impecable, como siempre. Bueno los greens ruedan muy bien. Va a haber viento, va a haber que hacer poco también, porque bueno, el nivel y el campo exige hacer poco, así que nada... Contento de estar de vuelta en Mazatlán.

Yes, I’m happy to be back in Estrella del Mar. It’s an impressive place to come and play, to stay here, and have a good time. Obviously, we are here to compete, which is our job, and that's good, but in a place like this, it's much nicer. The course is impeccable, as always, and the greens roll pretty well. There's going to be wind, and you have to go low too, because the course demands low scores, so that’s it… Happy to be back in Mazatlán.

**MAKING HIS 95TH PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA CAREER START, COMING OFF A TWO-SHOT WIN AT THE ARGENTINE OPEN AND A RUNNER-UP FINISH AT THE CHILE OPEN, FERNÁNDEZ VALDÉS WAS MAKING HIS RETURN TO A PLACE WHERE HE HAD SEVERAL CLOSE CALLS THROUGH THE YEARS. HE LOST A PLAYOFF TO CURRENT PGA TOUR PLAYER TYLER MCCUMBER AT THE INAUGURAL ESTRELLA DEL MAR OPEN, IN 2014, AND FINISHED THIRD AT THE 2021 MEXICO OPEN.**

Jorge Fernández Valdés bite: Me acuerdo que perdí en play off con Tyler McCumber, después, el año pasado tuve la oportunidad de ganar y bueno, la verdad que Álvaro jugó muy bien el domingo, hizo -9 y se llevó el triunfo. Pero bueno, he estado cerca y me gusta el lugar, me gusta como te digo... me siento cómodo y espero tener una buena semana

I remember I lost a playoff to Tyler McCumber, and last year I had an opportunity to win, but Alvaro (Ortiz) played very well on Sunday. He shot 9-under and won. I’ve been close and it’s a place I like, I’m comfortable out here and hopefully I’ll have a good week.

**IN THE TOURNAMENT’S OPENING DAY, IT WAS MATT RYAN WHO MADE AN EARLY CHARGE, CARDING AN EAGLE AND SEVEN BIRDIES FOR A BOGEY-FREE 63. SUCH AN EFFORT, SECURED THE CALIFORNIA NATIVE THE TOP SPOT AT ESTRELLA DEL MAR COUNTRY CLUB.**

Matt Ryan Bite: Yeah, I played solid. I drove it really nicely and had a couple of really nice long irons and was able to take advantage of a couple of longer holes. There are a lot of short holes out here where you know you're going to have chances, but when you get the long ones you're going to have a good round so... wedged it nice, putter nice kind of... Nothing... Nothing amazing. No holdouts or anything.

Sí, jugué sólido. Le pegué bien derecho y tuve un par de hierros largos muy buenos y pude aprovechar en dos de los hoyos más largos. Aquí hay muchos hoyos cortos donde sabes que vas a tener oportunidades, pero cuando aprovechas los largos sabes que vas a tener una buena ronda... Jugué bien los wedges y el putter, nada sorprendente, nada fuera de lo normal.

**THE 35-YEAR OLD LEADER FINISHED THE OPENING ROUND HOLDING A TWO-SHOT LEAD OVER MEXICO’S ARMANDO FAVELA AND HIS COUNTRYMAN JOSEPH WINSLOW.**

**TRAILING BY THREE, THERE WERE NINE OTHER PLAYERS TIED FOR THE FOURTH SPOT, INCLUDING MEXICO’S OWN AARON TERRAZAS, EMILIO GONZÁLEZ, ÁNGEL MORALES HERNÁNDEZ AND JORGE VILLAR.**

**RYAN CAME HERE SEEKING THE CONFIDENCE HE LOST DURING THE COURSE OF A ROUGH 2020-21 SEASON IN WHICH HE LOST HIS KORN FERRY TOUR CARD, RYAN ONLY MANAGED TO RECORD ONLY FIVE TOP 25S WHILE MAKING THE CUT IN 15 OF 34 STARTS ON PGA TOUR-SANCTIONED TOURS.**

Matt Ryan Bite: I mean, for me it's just attitude. I've really struggled the last year and a half, so I've obviously… The things that I worked on, coming back from the break, are working. I just need to make sure my attitude stays where it should be. Like… it's funny playing with Juan Serrano, he's always smiling, and always happy. So, you know, that kind of helps. And that's what I'm working on. So just focused on breathing a little more, smiling a little more, be nicer to myself.

Para mí es solo un asunto de actitud. Realmente he luchado durante el último año y medio, así que obviamente... Las cosas en las que trabajé, al regresar de las vacaciones, están funcionando. Solo necesito asegurarme de que mi actitud se mantenga donde debe estar. Fue divertido jugar con Juan Serrano, siempre está sonriendo y siempre feliz. Entonces, ya sabes, ese tipo de cosas ayudan. Y eso es en lo que estoy trabajando. Así que me concentré en respirar un poco más, sonreír un poco más, ser más amable conmigo mismo.

**RYAN MADE IT TO MAZATLÁN AFTER HAVING BACK-TO-BACK MISSED CUTS IN ARGENTINA AND CHILE TO START THE NEW SEASON LAST DECEMBER. HAVING PLAYED AT ESTRELLA DEL MAR BEFORE, TO CLAIM RUNNER-UP HONORS AT THE 2019 PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT, RYAN FELT COMFORTABLE AT THIS VENUE.**

SOCIAL MINUTE:

**SCROLLING ACROSS SOCIAL MEDIA WE HAVE NEWS FROM THE DEV SERIES, WHICH CROWNED TWO CHAMPIONS HALFWAY THROUGH MARCH IN MEXICO AND ARGENTINA.**

**ISIDRO BENITEZ WON THE COPA PRISSA IN PUEBLA, MEXICO WHILE FELIX CORDOBA WON THE SAN LUIS OPEN IN SAN LUIS, ARGENTINA. WELL DONE GUYS!**

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CbDCLKKOr00/>

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**MARCH 9 WAS A BIG DAY FOR TOUR NUMBER ONE JORGE FERNADEZ VALDES… THE 30-YEAR OLD FROM CORDOBA, ARGENTINA, AND HIS WIFE MARTINA WELCOMED THEIR FIRST BABY… A GIRL THEY NAMED AZALEA… SHE WILL DEFINITELY BE A HUGE SOURCE OF INSPIRATION FOR JORGE, WHO IS TRYING TO WIN THE TOTALPLAY CUP.**

<https://www.instagram.com/p/Ca6DWKRgNiD/>

**BUMP #1**

**AFTER THE BREAK…**

**WE WILL RETURN TO MAZATLAN FOR MORE ON THE RACE FOR THE ESTRELLA DEL MAR OPEN TOURNAMENT…**

**WE WILL ALSO HEAR FROM FORMER TOUR WINNER ANDRÉS GALLEGOS, WHO TOOK SOME TIME TO ANSWER A FUN SET OF QUESTIONS…**

Andrés Gallegos Bite: Hola, soy Andrés Gallegos, miembro de PGA TOUR Latinoamérica y en esta ocasión voy a responder diez preguntas rápidas para que me conozcan un poco más.

Hi, I’m PGA TOUR Latinoamérica member Andrés Gallegos. I’m here to answer ten quick questions for you to get to know me a little bit better.

**WE’LL BE RIGHT BACK WITH MORE ON ESTO ES PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA.**

BLOCK 2

Title

**Esto es PGA TOUR Latinoamerica!**

MAZATLAN PARTE 2:

**A NEW LEADER EMERGED DURING THE SECOND ROUND AT THE ESTRELLA DEL MAR OPEN, WITH DALLAS, TEXAS, NATIVE ANTHONY PAOLUCCI FIRING A 65 TO MOVE AHEAD BY ONE.**

Anthony Paolucci Bite: Played very solid. It was windy today. I did a good job keeping the ball in play and hit a lot of good knocked down shots to get the ball low in the wind, as long as I can hit it, so…

I'm very pleased with today.

Jugué muy sólido. Hoy fue un día muy ventoso. Hice un buen trabajo manteniendo la pelota en juego y pegué muy buenos tiros para mantener la pelota baja en el viento… Estoy muy complacido con lo hecho hoy.

**AT 12-UNDER THROUGH 36 HOLES, PAOLUCCI WAS ONE SHOT AHEAD OF FIVE PLAYERS: CRISTOBAL DEL SOLAR OF CHILE, ARMANDO FAVELA AND EMILIO GONZALEZ OF MEXICO, AND JOSEPH WINSLOW AND MATT RYAN OF THE UNITED STATES.**

Anthony Paolucci Bite: We have a long way to go, though, it’s only halfway, halfway done with the event. So, there's a lot of low scores out there, so I'm going to have to keep making birdies.

Tenemos mucho camino por recorrer, estamos apenas a la mitad del evento. Aún quedan muchos scores bajos por hacer, así que tengo que seguir haciendo birdies.

**A LATE BOGEY ON SEVEN, HIS 16TH HOLE, PREVENTED RYAN FROM FINISHING THE SECOND ROUND TIED FOR THE LEAD WITH PAOLUCCI. COMING OFF AN OPENING 63, HE HAD TO SETTLE FOR A 2-UNDER 70 ON A DAY HIS DRIVING WAS A BIT OFF.**

**BATTLING THE STRONG AFTERNOON WINDS, THE 29-YEAR OLD PAOLUCCI BIRDIED SIX OF HIS FINAL NINE HOLES TO SET THE PACE AND GIVE HIMSELF A CHANCE TO BATTLE FOR HIS SECOND CAREER TITLE ON PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA.**

Anthony Paolucci Bite: I'm happy to be where I'm at right now, but this tournament is far from over, so... I'm sure it's gonna be windy the next couple of days, so... you need to hit good shots and make some putts... you gotta make some putts to win one of these, so.

Estoy feliz de estar donde estoy en este momento, pero el torneo está lejos de acabar. Estoy seguro de que va a estar ventoso los próximos dos días, así que necesito pegar buenos tiros y embocar algunos putts… Hay que embocar algunos putts para ganar uno de estos.

**ALMOST SIX YEARS HAVE GONE BY SINCE PAOLUCCI’S LONE PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA VICTORY AT THE 2016 ABIERTO DEL CENTRO IN CORDOBA, ARGENTINA.**

**DESPITE MISSING THE CUT AT THE ARGENTINA OPEN AND THE CHILE OPEN FOR A SLOW START TO THE SEASON LAST DECEMBER, HE CAME TO MAZATLÁN WELL MOTIVATED AFTER A MEMORABLE HOLIDAY SEASON IN WHICH HE GOT ENGAGED.**

Anthony Paolucci Bite: I got engaged. It's... I haven't been on social media much lately, so a lot of people don't know, but that's been the big highlight, so... I'm very excited to get married in August. So I'm just kind of enjoying life right now.

Me comprometí. No he estado activo en las redes sociales últimamente, así que mucha gente no lo sabe, pero ha sido algo muy grande para mí. Estoy muy emocionado por casarme en agosto, así que estoy disfrutando la vida en este momento.

**WITH A TIGHT LEADERBOARD FEATURING NINE PLAYERS WITHIN TWO SHOTS OF THE LEAD WITH 36 HOLES TO PLAY, THE RACE FOR THE ESTRELLA DEL MAR OPEN TITLE WAS WIDE OPEN.**

**DURING A THIRD ROUND IN WHICH THEY FIRED BOGEY-FREE SIXTY-SIXES (66S), ARMANDO FAVELA OF MEXICO AND THE OPENING ROUND LEADER MATT RYAN MADE IT INTO A THREE-WAY TIE FOR THE LEAD AT 17-UNDER.**

Armando Favela Bite: La verdad fue muy bien, creo que ha sido el mejor de los tres días, con muchas oportunidades la verdad... Creo que mi único putt largo para par fue en el siete, el par tres, la bandera bastante esquinada, mucho viento por ahí... La verdad fue una ronda bastante tranquila, y aproveche... yo creo que tuve como unas diez oportunidades para birdie y metí seis.

It went pretty well. I think it was the best of the three days, I really gave myself many opportunities… I believe my longest putt for par was on No. 7, the par-3, the pin tucked on the corner, and very windy at the point… It was a fairly calm round, and I took advantage of it... I think I had about ten birdie chances and I converted six of them.

**THE 36-HOLE LEADER ANTHONY PAOLUCCI KEPT HIS CHANCES ALIVE BY CARDING A 67 ON SATURDAY, GOING BOGEY-FREE AS WELL, HE JOINED FAVELA AND RYAN ATOP THE LEADERBOARD.**

Anthony Paolucci Bite: Played very solid. I got off to a nice start making a few birdies early on the front nine and… it’s always good when you can go bogey free.

Jugué muy sólido. Tuve un buen comienzo, haciendo algunos birdies temprano en los primeros nueve… Siempre es bueno cuando tienes una ronda sin bogeys.

**THE TRIO OF CO-LEADERS WAS ONLY ONE SHOT AHEAD OF MEXICAN ROOKIE JORGE VILLAR, WHO CARDED A SOLID 66 TO BE SOLO FOURTH.**

**ONLY ANOTHER STROKE BACK, U.S. PLAYER STEPHEN STALLINGS JR, MEXICO’S EMILIO GONZÁLEZ AND CHILE’S CRISTÓBAL DEL SOLAR WERE TIED FOR FIFTH.**

**MEANWHILE RYAN, WHO CARDED A LOW-OF-THE-WEEK 63 IN THE OPENING ROUND, REMAINED FOCUSED ON KEEPING A GOOD ATTITUDE.**

Matt Ryan Bite: This round is all about patience. I mean, I... the front I was very patient. I've been putting great coming into this tournament, and I... I just haven't felt that great with the putter, but I'm doing a lot of good things mentally and emotionally, and it's paying off as the round goes on, especially today. Hit some great irons early and missed a couple of short ones, but I think my perspective is a little better, like, that's going to happen, and especially out here when you know you can make a lot of birdies. You just… I've done a good job not getting frustrated.

Esta (tercera) ronda fue asunto de paciencia. Lo que decir es que yo fui muy paciente al principio. Al llegar a este torneo venía muy bien con el putt, pero no me he sentido muy bien con el putt. Estoy haciendo muchas cosas buenas mental y emocionalmente, y están dando sus frutos según avanza la ronda, especialmente hoy. Pegué grandes tiros con los hierros temprano y fallé un par cortos, pero creo que mi perspectiva es un poco mejor. Son cosas que van a pasar, especialmente aquí donde sabes que puedes hacer muchos birdies. He hecho un buen trabajo para no frustrarme.

**HEADING INTO THE FINAL ROUND OF THE ESTRELLA DEL MAR OPEN, THE TOURNAMENT CO-LEADERS HAD A COMBINED RECORD OF 203 STARTS AND TWO WINS ON PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA. A WINNER IN 2014 IN GUATEMALA, FAVELA WAS MAKING HIS 81ST START, PAOLUCCI, WHO WON IN 2016 AT THE ABIERTO DEL CENTRO, WAS MAKING HIS 74TH APPEARANCE. RYAN, WHO HAD YET TO WIN ON TOUR, WAS MAKING HIS 47TH START, HAVING LOST A COUPLE OF PLAYOFFS IN GUADALAJARA IN 2014 AND AT THE VISA OPEN DE ARGENTINA IN 2017.**

Matt Ryan Bite: This course is just it's a race to a number. I don't really like to think about numbers because I don't like to be disappointed if I don't get off to a good start. Just stay patient, be nice to myself, have a good attitude.

En este campo estás en una carrera por un número. Realmente no me gusta pensar en números porque no me gusta sentirme mal si no tengo un buen comienzo. Tengo que ser paciente, ser amable conmigo mismo y tener una buena actitud.

PREGUNTAS RAPIDAS

**A PAST PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA WINNER, WHO CLAIMED THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC’S 2018 PUERTO PLATA OPEN FOR HIS FIRST PROFESSIONAL WIN, ANDRÉS GALLEGOS IS COMING OFF A 2020-21 SEASON IN WHICH HE FINISHED TENTH ON THE POINTS LIST TO EARN CONDITIONAL STATUS ON THE KORN FERRY TOUR FOR THE SECOND TIME IN HIS CAREER.**

**A NATIVE OF LOBOS, ARGENTINA, AT THE AGE OF 26, GALLEGOS KEEPS PLAYING ON PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA, WAITING FOR HIS BIG BREAK AT THE NEXT LEVEL.**

**HOPING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HIS LIFE OUTSIDE THE ROPES, WE RECENTLY ASKED GALLEGOS TO ANSWER A FUN SET OF QUESTIONS FOR US.**

Andrés Gallegos Bite: ¡Uy! En este momento "La ley es trampa" Lit Killah, un artista argentino.

"El marginal" cuatro.

At this time "The law is a trap" by Lit Killah, an Argentine artist.

"The marginal" four.

Rápido y furioso porque amo los autos... y los clásicos viejos y los alemanes.

Fast and Furious because I love cars... Love the old classics and German cars too.

No sé. Era muy chiquito. Después, un poquito más grande se que quería ser ingeniero agrónomo.

I don’t know as a young kid, but when I got a bit older I wanted to become an agronomist.

Aprenderme todas las canciones.

Learn all the songs.

Llegar al PGA TOUR.

To make it to the PGA TOUR.

Pasar una Navidad con toda mi familia, y otra podría ser llevar a mi mamá a Estados Unidos.

Spending one Christmas with my whole family, and another could be taking my mom to the United States.

Con Severiano Ballesteros, porque mi papá era su ídolo para él, y me gustaría poder saber más de él, porque creo que no pude vivir su mejor momento, y creo que por eso.

With Severiano Ballesteros, because he was my father’s idol. I would like to learn more about him because I wasn’t around in his prime. I think that’s why.

Mi papá, Severiano Ballesteros y Sergio Garcia.

My dad, Severiano Ballesteros and Sergio García.

Prefiero ser comensal, pero si me toca cocinar, me gusta hacer pollo a la parrilla.

I would rather sit and enjoy, but if I must cook, I like to go for grilled chicken.

Perú, es muy buena la comida. En Argentina se come bien, pero Perú está un escalón más arriba.

Peru, the food is great there. In Argentina it’s pretty good, but Peru is a step higher.

Bueno, soy Andrés Gallegos y espero que con estas diez preguntas rápida me puedan conocer un poco.

Well, I'm Andrés Gallegos and I hope these questions allowed you to get to know me a little better.

**BUMP #2**

**WE’LL BE RIGHT BACK TO LEARN ALL ABOUT THE IMPRESSIVE VICTORY BY CHILE’S JOAQUIN NIEMANN AT THE GENESIS INVITATIONAL, WHERE HE CLAIMED HIS SECOND PGA TOUR CAREER TITLE.**

Joaquín Niemann Bite: Si, obviamente, he roto los records de scores y todo, pero… lo que más me importaba durante la semana era poder terminar el domingo y poder estar acá.

Yea, obviously, I have broken the scoring records and all, but what really mattered to me throughout the week was to be standing here come Sunday.

**WE WILL ALSO FIND OUT WHO LEFT MAZATLAN AS THE 2022 ESTRELLA DEL MAR OPEN CHAMPION. ESTO ES PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA WILL RETURN AFTER THIS BREAK!**

BLOCK 3

Title

**Esto es PGA TOUR Latinoamerica!**

JOAQUIN NIEMANN VICTORY:

**LATIN AMERICAN GOLF HAD A WEEK TO REMEMBER AT RIVIERA COUNTRY CLUB IN LOS ANGELES, WHERE JOAQUÍN NIEMANN WON THE GENESIS INVITATIONAL FOR HIS SECOND CAREER TITLE ON THE PGA TOUR.**

**THIS WAS NIEMANN'S TOURNAMENT FROM THE START… THE 23-YEAR OLD FROM SANTIAGO, CHILE, OPENED WITH A PAIR OF 63S AND SET OR MATCHED A TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORD OF SOME VARIETY EACH DAY BUT THE LAST ONE.**

Joaquin Niemann Bite: La cancha, el lugar, el clima, hace todo una combinación muy buena y hace poder disfrutar la semana con una cancha de esta calidad y jugar así de bien ayuda a todo.

The course, the venue, the weather, everything makes for a very good combination and makes it possible to enjoy the week on a course of this caliber. To play this well helps too.

**AT 16-UNDER THROUGH 36 HOLES AND THEN AT 19-UNDER THROUGH 54, NIEMANN KEPT A RECORD SETTING PACE AT THIS ELITE TOURNAMENT THAT ATTRACTED EVERYONE FROM THE TOP 10 IN THE WORLD RANKINGS.**

**HE SURVIVED A FEW NERVOUS MOMENTS AT RIVIERA ON THE FINAL DAY AND POLISHED OFF A BIG WEEK WHEN HE CLOSED WITH AN EVEN-PAR 71 TO BECOME THE FIRST WIRE-TO-WIRE WINNER OF THE GENESIS INVITATIONAL SINCE CHARLIE SIFFORD DID IT IN 1969… 53 YEARS WENT BY!**

**ABOUT THE ONLY THING NIEMANN MISSED WAS A CHANCE TO BREAK THE LONGEST ACTIVE TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORD ON THE PGA TOUR. WITH TWO BOGEYS ON THE BACK NINE, HE FINISHED AT 19-UNDER 265, ONE SHORT OF THE SCORE LANNY WATKINS HAD IN 1985.**

**NIEMANN ALSO BECAME THE FIRST 23-YEAR-OLD WINNER AT RIVIERA SINCE PHIL RODGERS IN 1962, A TOURNAMENT IN WHICH JACK NICKLAUS MADE HIS PRO DEBUT.**

**THE YOUNG CHAMPION STAVED OFF SEVERAL GOLFERS IN THE VICTORY, INCLUDING TWO-TIME MAJOR CHAMPION COLLIN MORIKAWA, WHO FINISHED IN A TIE FOR SECOND PLACE WITH NIEMANN'S SUNDAY PLAYING PARTNER, CAMERON YOUNG, AT 17 UNDER FOR THE TOURNAMENT. MORIKAWA SURGED** **UP THE LEADERBOARD ON SUNDAY BY PUTTING UP A FINAL-ROUND 65 ON THE SCORECARD. ADAM SCOTT AND VIKTOR HOVLAND TIED FOR FOURTH PLACE AT 14 UNDER, WHILE JUSTIN THOMAS FINISHED IN SIXTH AT 13 UNDER.**

Joaquin Niemann Bite: Sí, la verdad que ha sido increíble. Fue un día larguísimo el día de hoy, y se ve que aún tenía esa ventaja que me ayudaba a poder ir un poco más tranquilo, pero aún así fue súper complicado y super largo.

Yes, it was truly incredible. It was a very long day today. I had a lead that helped me stay a little calmer. However, it was still super complicated and super long.

**MAKING HIS 101ST PGA TOUR START IN LOS ANGELES, THIS WAS THE SECOND CAREER PGA TOUR VICTORY FOR NIEMANN, WHO PREVIOUSLY WON A MILITARY TRIBUTE AT THE GREENBRIER IN 2019.**

Joaquien Niemann Bite: He roto los récords de score y todo, pero lo que más me importaba durante la semana era poder terminar el domingo y poder estar acá recibiendo el trofeo así, eso es lo único que estaba pasando.

I have broken the scoring records and everything, but what mattered most to me throughout the week was to be able to finish it off on Sunday and be able to be here getting the trophy. That was the only thing going through my mind.

**WITH THE TOURNAMENT BEING HOSTED BY TIGER WOODS, FOLLOWING HIS EXHIBITION AT RIVIERA, NIEMANN HAD THE HONOR OF RECEIVING THE TOURNAMENT TROPHY FROM TIGER HIMSELF. THE 15-TIME MAJOR CHAMPION WHO HAS RECORDED 82 PGA TOUR CAREER HAD SOME WORDS OF PRAISE FOR THE RISING STAR…**

Tiger Woods Bite: The way he won today... this entire week, the leading from start to finish, not that easy to do. And for him to do it here on this golf course… You can't fake it around this golf course. You have to be… You have to execute each and every shot correctly. He did that. He proved it, and he deserved it and he earned it.

La forma en que ganó hoy... la semana entera, liderando de principio a fin, lo cual no es fácil de hacer. Y además hacerlo aquí, en este campo de golf… Uno no puede fingir en este campo de golf… Aquí hay que ejecutar cada uno de los tiros correctamente y él eso hizo eso. Él demostró, mereció y lo ganó.

**THE CELEBRATION WAS ON AS SEVERAL OF HIS CLOSEST FRIENDS ON TOUR – HIS COUNTRYMAN MITO PEREIRA, CARLOS ORTIZ OF MEXICO, SEBASTIÁN MUÑOZ OF COLOMBIA, JHONATTAN VEGAS OF VENEZUELA AND SERGIO GARCIA OF SPAIN WERE THERE TO HUG HIM AT THE END.**

MAZATLAN PARTE 3:

**ENTERING THE FINAL ROUND OF THE ESTRELLA DEL MAR OPEN IN A THREE-WAY TIE FOR THE LEAD, MATT RYAN OPENED WITH CONSECUTIVE BIRDIES ON HOLES 1 AND 2 TO MOVE PAST FELLOW 54-HOLE CO-LEADERS ARMANDO FAVELA AND ANTHONY PAOLUCCI… HE DIDN’T LOOK BACK!**

**HE ADDED BIRDIES ON 5, 7 AND 8 TO MAKE THE TURN AT 5-UNDER AND THEN MADE A HUGE EAGLE ON 10, A DOWNWIND, 541-YARD PAR-5 THE ESTRELLA DEL MAR COUNTRY CLUB MEMBERS PLAY AS HOLE 1. ALTHOUGH A COUPLE OF BOGEYS ON 11 AND 14 SLOWED HIM DOWN, NO ONE WAS ABLE TO CATCH HIM. HE BIRDIED 16 AND THEN PARRED THE LAST TWO TO SECURE THE THREE-SHOT WIN.**

**IN A WEEK WHERE HE BEGAN WITH A TOURNAMENT-LOW 63, RYAN CLOSED THE DEAL WITH A STRONG WEEKEND OF BACK-TO-BACK 66S.**

**IT TOOK HIM EIGHT YEARS TO BECOME A PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA CHAMPION… HE HAD MADE HIS TOUR DEBUT ON THE LOSING END OF A SEVEN-MAN PLAYOFF IN A TOURNAMENT IN GUADALAJARA IN 2014. AT THE TIME, HE THOUGHT HE WOULD WIN SOON, BUT HE DIDN’T.**

**AT 23-UNDER 265, HE FINISHED THREE STROKES CLEAR OF FELLOW AMERICAN MITCHELL MEISSNER AND CHILE’S CRISTÓBAL DEL SOLAR, WHO SHARED RUNNER-UP HONORS AFTER ROUNDS OF 65 AND 67, RESPECTIVELY.**

Matt Ryan Bite: I got off to a great start. I drove in on number ten, I think it was like 325 front edge and I drove it, and two putted for birdie. Then I two putted from the fringe on 11 for birdie and I had some good emotions drawn from years ago, I mean, even though it was at Q-school, I shot nine under the final round here in a Q- school and I just thought... like I've been telling you guys all week, I felt like I was chasing a number more than playing anyone. I was prepared for Armando to make everything because it seems like every time I play with him… one of the best putters I've ever seen, Anthony is a great player, ball striker, so I was prepared for kind of to get to hole 13, and my goal was to be about six under and just go from there.

Tuve un gran comienzo. Empecé en el 10, creo que era como 325 (yardas) a la entrada del green. Pegué driver e hice dos putts para birdie. Luego hice dos putts desde el fringe en el 11 para birdie y tuve buenas sensaciones de otros años que jugué aquí. Aunque fue en Q-School, hice 9-bajo par en la ronda final aquí… Como les he venido diciendo toda la semana, sentí que estaba buscando un número más que estar pendiente de los demás. Estaba preparado para que Armando (Favela) lo embocara todo, porque he jugado con él antes y es uno de los mejores poteadores que he visto. Anthony es un gran jugador, le pega muy bien a la pelota, así que estaba preparado para llegar al hoyo 13. Mi meta era llegar con -6 y a partir de ahí ver.

**THIS WIN AT ESTRELLA DEL MAR COUNTRY CLUB CAME ON THE HEELS OF A FRUSTRATING 2020-21 SEASON THAT SAW RYAN LOSE HIS KORN FERRY TOUR MEMBERSHIP…**

Matt Ryan Bite: So... Yeah the last couple of years it just has been trying to make it to the Korn Ferry Tour. I missed by one to get full status in 2019 and then when COVID hit I would reshuffled and then I didn't get in the first few events, so... Just... I mean even up to... Monday in the practice round or Tuesday, I was playing with Wagner and I just whispered in his ear like "Man it's been a long time since I had fun playing golf".

Sí, los últimos dos años he estado tratando de llegar al Korn Ferry Tour. En 2019 quedé a un golpe de conseguir estatus completo y luego cuando nos pegó el COVID no estuve en buena posición para el reshuffle y no entré a los primeros torneos… Las cosas al final se balancean… El lunes en la ronda de práctica, estaba jugando con (Alan) Wagner y le susurré al oído algo como "Ha pasado mucho tiempo desde la última vez que me divertí jugando al golf".

**AS THIRD ON THE TOTALPLAY CUP STANDINGS WITH NINE TOURNAMENTS LEFT TO PLAY THIS SEASON, RYAN CAN NOW SET HIS SIGHTS ON A RETURN TO THE KORN FERRY TOUR.**

Matt Ryan Bite: Ton of thoughts, ton of feelings. I mean, finished top five on the money list. I have win two events. I just got one. So, uh, yeah, few goals written down.

Pensando en muchas cosas, con muchos sentimientos. Lo que digo es que para terminar en el top 5 de la lista de puntos tengo que ganar dos eventos y ya conseguí uno. Tengo algunas metas escritas.

**LET’S TAKE A LOOK AT THE TOTALPLAY CUP POINTS LIST FOLLOWING THE THIRD OF 12 EVENTS ON THE 2021-22 SCHEDULE…**

**WITH RYAN EARNING 500 POINTS AT ESTRELLA DEL MAR, HE MADE A STRONG CHARGE INTO THE THIRD SPOT… ARGENTINA’S JORGE FERNÁNDEZ VALDÉS AND ALAN WAGNER, THE WINNERS OF THE FIRST TWO EVENTS, ARE THE ONLY PLAYERS AHEAD OF HIM IN THE RACE TO MOVE UP TO THE KORN FERRY TOUR.**

**FERNÁNDEZ VALDÉS FINISHED IN A TIE FOR 32ND AT ESTRELLA DEL MAR TO REMAIN THE TOTALPLAY CUP POINTS LEADER FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE TOURNAMENT WEEK.**

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