## **2022 Charles Schwab Challenge Catalyst Notes – 36 holes**

### Scott Stallings

#### Things To Know

* After withdrawing from the 2015 Charles Schwab Challenge, Stallings underwent numerous tests at UCLA's Medical Center after consulting with an endocrinologist due to a number of symptoms including a general lack of energy. Stallings said it was a difficult decision to withdraw from the event - one of his favorites on TOUR -- but there was not another appointment on the books at UCLA for two months. A first step was sinus surgery to alleviate sleep apnea. After receiving a diagnosis of adrenal failure, the doctor sent Stallings on an all-encompassing path to wellness that included fitness (Crossfit) and a revamped diet. Among the more interesting discoveries? He was deathly allergic to sweet potatoes, as well as barley and milk. Stallings started working with a Renaissance Periodization dietician from Charlotte, N.C. He can now talk with authority about carbs, fats, caloric efficiencies and macronutrient consumption - as well as how different times of the season (tournaments held in hotter, humid temperatures, for example) change the fuel he puts into his body. In the beginning, Stallings would print a template of what he was eating and drinking on a daily basis. Through meal planning with Trifecta Nutrition, Scott was able to lose 55 pounds (240 to 185), mostly between the 2018 and 2019 Valspar Championship. He also reduced his body fat from 26 percent to approximately 10 percent.
* About his dedication to fitness and wellness: his words to live by are "Pay the man today." When he first heard the phrase, he didn't understand what it meant. He came to learn that he can control only two things in his life - his attitude and his effort. "And, the rent for both is due every day." He became so taken by the mantra that it is engraved into his wedges.
* An unintended consequence of Stallings' journey has been his ability to help and inspire others: "The vanity aspect of getting in a lot better shape was never the goal. That was something that just kind of happened. And I understand when you start dealing with media the vanity will be part of it, but overall feedback has been amazing. I get direct messages from guys saying, "I weighed 350 pounds and I lost 70 pounds all because of an interview you did." That makes me want to keep putting my story out there on social media. The more I hear from people thanking me for helping them get off the couch, the more it motivates me to keep doing this."
* Trains at his home gym, known as "The Barn" on his property in Knoxville. The way Stallings trains depends on if he's at a tournament or if it's an off-week, or the offseason. But it's typically an everyday Crossfit-type program going from hard, heavy workouts early in the week to lighter, faster stuff by the weekend. The Barn also has a garage door that allows Stallings to hit balls on his expansive property. He told his wife Jennifer that if he ever hit his home he would quit the game.

#### Background

* Born in Worcester, Massachusetts, but attended Oak Ridge High School in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.
* Attended Tennessee Tech and played golf, where he was a two-time Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year. Named an all-American in 2006.

#### Family

* Wife, Jennifer; Known each other since kindergarten and went to the same elementary, middle and high school. After graduation, Scott went to Tennessee Tech and Jennifer went to University of Tennessee; They eventually started dating during sophomore year of college.
* Two kids: Finn and Millie; Jennifer says "It doesn't matter if he shot 80 or 60, when he's home, he's just dad. He never brings the golf course home with him."
* Resides in Knoxville, Tennessee, which is their full-time residence .

#### Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

* Faith is very important to him.
* His first love was baseball . Dreamt of playing for the Boston Red Sox.
* Favorite college team is Tennessee Volunteers and he roots for the Boston Red Sox, Boston Celtics and New England Patriots.

#### Charity

* The Scott Stallings Kids Play Free Junior Golf Initiative: In order to increase golf accessibility for those who might not be able to consistently afford a round, Scott has teamed up with the Tennessee Golf Foundation to set-up free golf at multiple locations in Knoxville, TN for anyone 18 and under, 365 days a year.
* In 2018 more than 1,600 kids played over 4,850 free rounds of golf in the Knoxville area thanks to the Scott Stallings Kids Play Free Initiative. Stallings kids are part of the program that is thriving after launching in 2015.
* Other charities include Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Birdies for the Brave.

#### Inner Circle/Special Connections

* Stallings’ trainer is Adam Kerley, and Scott prides himself on being one of the fittest players on TOUR. Their longest session is 90 minutes on Monday, and the routines change depending on traveling and off days (some days start at 6 am whereas other days start at 4 am) . He and his trainer also read of lot of fitness books .

#### Other

* One of Stallings sponsors, NOBULL, became a TOUR OMP in March 2022.

### Beau Hossler

#### Things To Know

* College teammate with Scottie Scheffler at the University of Texas for two seasons (2014-15; 2015-16). Hossler turned professional after the 2016 spring season, Scheffler's sophomore year.
* Born in Mission Viejo, California, grew up playing golf at Mission Viejo Country Club, a Robert Trent Jones Sr., designed golf course that opened in 1967. The course is where Mark O'Meara fell in love with the game as a kid. Locals call the course, "Mission Impossible."
* His dad, Beau, Sr., googled “Best golf instructors in Southern California” and they discovered Jim Flick, who roomed with Arnold Palmer when they were at Wake Forest together and most famously taught Jack Nicklaus after Nicklaus’ long-timer, Jack Grout, died in 1989. Flick once told ESPN about Beau: “He’s kind of like Tim Tebow. He doesn’t look so good practicing, but once the tournament starts, he’s a gamer.” Six years into their relationship, Flick died of pancreatic cancer in 2012.
* Favorite baseball team is the Los Angeles Dodgers (MLB). Said he was more nervous watching the Dodgers in Game 7 of the 2017 World Series (lost to the Red Sox) than he was playing in the final group of the Shriners Children's Open the same week in his third start as a TOUR member. Good friend of Kacy Clemens (son of baseball great Roger Clemens) - both attended Texas.
* Played Little League Baseball (pitcher and catcher) - which led to his dream of being a Dodger someday - before taking up golf.
* Won Fred Haskins Award as nation's top men's golf player while at Texas in 2016
* On why he chose Texas over USC: 1. Loved UT Coach John Fields. 2. Loved being around good players. Seeing players go to UT, develop and then go to the PGA TOUR and have success was a huge reason. 3. He admits as a Californian, that he only knew how to play Kikuyu and Rye grass. Learning Bermuda grass is like learning a new language. Plus, he loved that he was challenged because the weather wasn't perfect everyday.
* In 2016, Texas head golf coach John Fields said, "Beau is blessed with incredible physical ability, but he's also extremely intelligent. I think he gets his fire from his dad and his relaxed state that you guys saw from his mom. It's so exciting to be able to coach someone like Beau. He also puts the work in -- there is no possible way that he could have achieved this type of success without an incredible work ethic. I see that every day, whether it's in school or golf. He has brought that level of intensity to our team and has benefited his teammates."
* Had to delay the start to his professional career after suffering a shoulder injury in June of 2016 while playing in the semifinals for the NCAA Men's Golf Championships. On the 15th hole against USC, felt a lot of pain in his left shoulder but continued to play out his match. He won on the 17th hole and helped propel Texas to the finals against Oregon, but was unable to play in the finals where Oregon won, 3-2.
* Immediately after Texas lost to Oregon in the NCAA championship, he saw the Dallas Cowboys doctor (Daniel E. Cooper, M.D.) who said he needed surgery on his shoulder and that he would not touch a golf club for four months. He had never had surgery before and he began rehab just three weeks after surgery. He said he spent 3-4 hours a day rehabbing .
* Said after his surgery, he lost 10-11 MPH on his swing and it took an entire year to get it back
* Favors the West Coast Swing specifically because Kikuyu, Rye and Poa are so much easier.
* Was sidelined from 2016 Q-School due to injury, but earned his status with a runner-up in Wichita (Auburn Hills GC) in June 2017.
* Since November 2020, he has been working heavily with coach, Dana Dahlquist, making "fairly significant" changes that he started to feel good about at his home course of Spanish Oaks in Austin, Texas. On why he decided to make a swing change: "I was hitting it poorly for three years and I was tired of it." It took eight months for him to feel comfortable in a tournament.

#### Background

* Garnered widespread attention at the 2012 U.S. Open at Olympic Club in San Francisco, California, when at the age of 17, he held the lead midway through the second round. He went on to finish T29. His godfather, Bill Schullenberg, caddied for him. Was edged out by Jordan Spieth for low amateur. Chants yelled out, "Hoss-ler! Hoss-ler!" and Kevin Chappell, playing in the group behind, said it was one of the few times that the hair on his arms stood up.
* On his 2012 U.S. Open experience: "There are plenty of people who still recognize my name from that. I'm very fortunate to have had that experience, and it's helped me with exposure for sure. But the biggest challenge has been to make sure that doesn't become the defining moment of my golf career.

#### Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

* Said the key to effective cardio is Game of Thrones and/or Master Sudoku puzzle.

### Scottie Scheffler

#### Things To Know

* College teammate with Beau Hossler at the University of Texas for two seasons (2014-15; 2015-16). Hossler turned professional after the 2016 spring season, Scheffler's sophomore year.
* Only player in 2022 Charles Schwab Challenge field without a bogey through 36 holes. Fifth time holding lead/co-lead through 36 holes on the PGA TOUR, with lone win coming at the 2022 Masters Tournament.
* Missed the cut at the 2022 PGA Championship, just his second missed cut since an MC at the 2021 Charles Schwab Challenge. Also missed the cut last fall at the Shriners Children's Open.
* Played the 2014 AT&T Byron Nelson on a sponsor exemption as a 17-year-old amateur, finishing T22 with sister Callie on the bag. Carded an ace in the third round, holing his tee shot with a 5-iron from 221 yards at TPC Las Colinas. The high school grad was heading to the University of Texas later that summer to embark on his college career. Asked about not receiving the $50,000+ that would have come with his finish, Scheffler joked: "Jordan (Spieth) told me I would be mad when I get down to Austin next year and I don't have any money. I guess I'll be mad then. I'm not too upset right now."
* Wearing the Green Jacket, threw out the first pitch at a Texas Rangers-Houston Astros MLB game on April 27, 2022. In addition to meeting players and coaches, he and wife Meredith were both presented personalized Rangers jerseys. "I love Dallas. It's my home. It's probably where I will live the rest of my life. I don't root for any teams outside of Dallas. We grew up going to a lot of Mavs games in high school and I've become a bigger Rangers fan in the last couple of years. A lot of my buddies from college love the Astros, so it's fun to be a Ranger fan. We have a good rivalry. Hopefully, the Rangers start winning some championships."
* With 2022 Masters Tournament win: 1) First player to win four times in a six-start stretch on the PGA TOUR since Jason Day in 2015 (4 in 6: RBC Canadian Open, PGA Championship, FedEx St. Jude Championship, BMW Championship); 2) Fifth player to win four times in a PGA TOUR season, including a major, since the start of 2010; 3) Second player (ninth instance) to win four times in a PGA TOUR season, including a major and a World Golf Championships event. Tiger Woods accomplished the feat eight times between 1999-2009; 4) First player to collect four wins in a PGA TOUR season by the end of the Masters since David Duval in 1999; 5) Sixth World No. 1 to win the Masters; 6) Sixth player to win in his first PGA TOUR start as World No. 1; First FedExCup leader to win the Masters (FedExCup est. 2007).
* Reached No. 1 in the Official World Golf Rankings for the first time in his career on March 27, 2022 after championing the World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play. At just 25 years old, he became the sixth-youngest player to reach No. 1 since the world golf ranking began in 1986.
* On becoming World No. 1: "It's not something that I didn't want to achieve or didn't believe that I could do. It's just I grew up at Royal Oaks (GC in Dallas). I grew up wearing long pants to go practice because I wanted to be a professional golfer. That's what I dreamed of. I dreamed of being out here. I've always been, I would say, fiercely competitive, and so for me getting out here was a goal per se, and being out here, I like competing and I enjoy the challenge of playing out here every week. Just competing out here is really fun for me and just being able to win tournaments is pretty awesome. The rankings never really crossed my mind. It was always just about being out here and competing."
* Won first three PGA TOUR titles in a span of 42 days in 2022 -- Waste Management Phoenix Open, Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, Dell Technologies Match Play. Last player to win first three PGA TOUR events in less time was David Duval who won three events in a span of 21 days in 1997.
* 86-year-old grandmother, Mary DeLorenzo, was in attendance for his win at the Arnold Palmer Invitational. Mary lives in Greater Jacksonville.
* Comments about parents (Diane and Scott) after his API win: "A lot of my personality probably comes from my dad. My dad is fiercely competitive like I am. My parents, they made a lot of sacrifices to put me in a position where I'm able to do this for a living, and they made a lot of sacrifices when I was a kid. My sisters as well. They've seen a lot of golf tournaments in their lifetime, probably a lot more than they've wanted to. I'm very grateful for the sacrifices they made and obviously had such a huge impact on my life."
* On his struggles to grab his first elusive first PGA TOUR win prior to the 2022 WM Phoenix Open: "I do think I was making it a little bit hard. I think at certain points in some of those final rounds I'd make a few mistakes and maybe get down a little bit. In final rounds I always viewed it as I had to play kind of this perfect version of golf and I think on Sunday I kind of proved that's not necessarily the case. If you would have told me a year ago that I would be making those kind of mistakes and been able to still win a golf tournament, I would have been pretty surprised, but I guess I proved a little bit to myself that it doesn't take perfect golf and it's more about coming back from the mistakes than it is just kind of cruising the entire time."
* List of career professional accomplishments before first PGA TOUR win at the 2022 WM Phoenix Open are remarkable: 2019 Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year; posted 12th round of 59 or better in PGA TOUR history at the 2020 Dell Technologies Championship); qualified for TOUR Championship as a rookie in 2020; earned the Arnold Palmer Award as the 2020 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year; named a captain's selection for the 2021 U.S. Ryder Cup Team.
* Named one of six Captain's Selections by Steve Stricker for the 2021 U.S. Ryder Cup Team on September 8. Collected 2.5 points in three matches played including a 4&3 Singles victory over World No. 1 Jon Rahm.
* Teamed with Bubba Watson in his first appearance at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans in 2021 (finished T8), where caddie Ted Scott was working with his long-term player, Watson. Scheffler started with Scott on his bag at the 2021 RSM Classic and won in their fifth start together (including unofficial Hero World Challenge in December 2021). Met Scott through a Bible study composed of players and caddies and during their partnership in the 2021 Zurich; Scott had been Bubba Watson's caddie for nearly 15 years before the two split in September 2021. Said this about Ted Scott after his 2022 Masters win: "I can't speak highly enough of Ted as a person and as a caddie. I respect him so much just as a person. He's such a fun guy to be around. He's a man of faith and I love him. I can't say enough about him. You know, the qualities you look for in a person, Ted embodies pretty much all of them. He's humble. He's hard-working. He's honest. He's a good time to be around. I even, he's just -- he's an amazing guy. To be able to have him on the bag is so special."

#### Background

* Born in Ridgewood, New Jersey; moved Dallas when he was six.
* Attended Highland Park High School in Dallas and won three individual state titles in golf - the only other person to have done that was Jordan Spieth; famous alumni of Highland Park include Super Bowl champion Matthew Stafford, MLB pitcher Clayton Kershaw, Pro Football Hall of Fame members Bobby Layne and Doak Walker and actress Jayne Mansfield.
* As a junior, won the 2013 U.S. Junior Amateur and was the 2013 AJGA Player of the Year.
* In 2014 at the age of 17, participated in the AT&T Byron Nelson (T22) and the FedEx St. Jude Classic (MC) as a sponsor exemption.
* Began working with famed instructor Randy Smith at Royal Oaks Golf Club after moving to Dallas. Smith guided Scheffler through the pain and adjustments of going from 5-foot-2 in seventh grade to 6-foot-3 when he went to Texas. Thrived under Smith, winning 93 times on the Northern Texas PGA Junior circuit. Smith on Scheffler: "People wanted me to look at this little 6-year-old kid. It took me about 15 minutes, and I knew right then. It was so obvious. He hit low and high. Here's this tiny little kid who could hit every shot. He could shape it, move it, and he was doing it by feel." Smith says Scheffler has a "blue-collar work ethic with an artist's imagination and high intelligence."
* Played collegiately at the University of Texas from 2014 to 2018, where he helped the team win three Big 12 championships and was named Phil Mickelson Freshman of the Year in 2015; member of U.S. Walker Cup Team in 2017. At UT, was teammates with future PGA TOUR members Beau Hossler, Kramer Hickok and Doug Ghim.
* On playing four years and graduating from the University of Texas with a degree in Finance in 2018: I really had so much fun in college, I never entertained the thought of turning pro. I feel like I could have turned pro after my first year in college. But I made great friends and grew up a lot. It was an important time for me. That's not to say everyone should stay four years.
* Voted 2019 Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year (two wins) and 2020 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year (5th in FedExCup standings, seven top-10 finishes; round of 59 at THE NORTHERN TRUST at TPC Boston). Just the third player to be named the Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year and PGA Tour Rookie of the Year in successive seasons (Stewart Cink, 1996-97; Sungjae Im, 2018-19).

#### Family

* Married Meredith Scudder on December 4, 2020.
* Father, Scott, played high school basketball at the same school as Vince Lombardi attended: St. Cecilia High School of Englewood, N.J. Mother, Diane, went to high school with and was friends with the late James Gandolfini at Park Ridge High School in Park Ridge, New Jersey. While Scottie was growing up, Scott was a stay-at-home father for four Scheffler children while Diane was (and still is) Chief Operating Officer at a law firm.
* Three sisters: Callie, Sara and Molly. Callie played golf at Texas A&M.

#### Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

* Basketball; excellent shooter but was small (5-2) in seventh grade so focused on golf. Grew nearly 12 inches in one year and entered the University of Texas at 6-3.

#### Charity

* Close to a non-profit -- Triumph Over Kid Cancer -- founded by his late friend James Ragan who was from Corpus Christi, Texas. The two met while playing on the Texas Legends Tour. Ragan had been diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a form of bone cancer, in June 2006, when he was 13. He went on to become a public advocate and fundraising force for pediatric cancer. When Scheffler won the U.S. Junior Amateur in 2013, he choked up during a Golf Channel interview when asked about Ragan. Scheffler said he thought about his friend several times during the final match. Ragan passed away at the age of 20 in 2014.

#### Inner Circle/Special Connections

* Agent Blake Smith is the son of Scottie's instructor, Randy Smith.
* Grew up playing in Northern Texas PGA junior tournaments with fellow PGA TOUR professionals Jordan Spieth and Will Zalatoris. The three combined to play 199 Northern Texas PGA junior events with 63 wins between them.
* More on coach Randy Smith: Based at Royal Oaks Country Club in Dallas, Scottie's instructor Randy Smith is a 18-time PGA of America National Award winner and PGA of America Hall of Famer. He has developed a reputation over 40 years as the go-to instructor for young players in North Texas, including Justin Leonard, Harrison Frazar, Kris Cox, Matt Weibring, John Rollins, Martin Flores, Colt Knost, Cody Gribble, Paul Haley and Ryan Palmer. Smith has worked with Scottie since he was around 8 years old when the Scheffler family became members at Royal Oaks. Under Randy's tutelage, Scottie thrived as a junior golfer in North Texas, winning 93 of the 136 Ewing Automotive NTPGA Junior Tour events that he played in, often playing in the older divisions.

#### Other

* Won The Genesis Invitational Collegiate Showcase in 2018 as a senior at the University of Texas at Riviera Country Club. Other winners have included Will Zalatoris (2015) and Sahith Theegala (2016).
* During THE NORTHERN TRUST in 2021, penalized himself one stroke for surpassing the three-minute time period (Rule 18.2) allowed in search of an errant second shot on the 15th hole of the opening round. After the round was over, Scheffler talked with fellow competitor Daniel Berger and PGA TOUR Rules Officials to determine what to do. "We couldn't figure it out", Scheffler said. "They didn't have ShotLink data or anything, so just went with it was over 3 minutes. Just too long."
* Played three times in The Junior PLAYERS Championship conducted by the AJGA: (2011/5th - 2012/T33 - 2013/6th).

### Patrick Reed

#### Things To Know

* Reed was added to Team USA for the Olympics Games 2020 Tokyo when Bryson DeChambeau tested positive for Covid-19. Reed is the only Team USA player to compete in both the 2016 and 2020 Olympics.
* Early in 2022, Patrick and Grindworks released "The Barrett Wedge Collection" named after his son Barrett Reed. Patrick and Grindworks renowned clubmaker Niimi Kiyonari spent two years perfecting the irons. See the following link for additional details on the collection: https://www.grindworks.jp/portfolios/barrett-wedge/
* Signed an endorsement deal with PXG in January of 2022. Will play a mix of PXG and Grindworks clubs in 2022.
* Enjoy's building and tinkering with golf clubs. He is part of the Grindworks (iron company based in Japan) development team and is very passionate about it. Working with Grindworks renowned clubmaker Niimi Kiyonari, they have developed Muscle-Back Irons (MB-101A) , Cavity Back Irons (PR-202s) and three Signature Wedges with more in the works. In 2014 Niimi Kiyonari was named to the International Clubmakers Guild (IGC) Hall of Fame.
* Spent several days in a Houston hospital with bilateral pneumonia and missed the first two events of the 2021 FedExCup Playoffs. He still qualified for the third Playoffs event and returned for the TOUR Championship in Atlanta. For health-safety reasons he drove from Houston to Atlanta on Tuesday of tournament week in order to be in Atlanta for a tournament sponsor event on Wednesday morning, leaving Wednesday as his only practice day at East Lake.

#### Background

* Patrick's wife, Justine, caddied for him through their Monday Qualifier runs where they 4-spotted and went 6 out of 8 on Monday Qualifiers in 2012. Justine would drive them through the night (after caddying) to get them to the next tournament so he could Monday qualify. They made it through all three stages of Q-School, winning two of them and went on to earn his PGA Tour Card in final stage of Q-School in 2012.
* Justine's younger brother Kessler Karain began caddying for Reed in early 2014 after leaving his job in medical sales.
* First memory holding a golf club - A little plastic club. I was in the yard swinging, and we had this little white dog. I hit the dog by accident, she flipped over, and I ran into the house freaking out thinking I'd killed the dog. Then a few minutes later, I see her at the door, ball in its mouth wanting to play, with a look like, That's all you got?
* Won back-to-back National Championships at Augusta State University (2010, 2011) where he went 6-0 in match play.

#### Family

* Patrick is most proud of being a father. He views this as his greatest responsibility he will ever have. He wants to be a great father …to be present and support Windsor Wells and Barrett in everything they choose to do….and love them unconditionally….and to teach them to work hard for their dreams.
* Says the most nervous he’s been is waiting for the birth of his daughter, Windsor Wells.
* His wife Justine played soccer and swam in college. She has two undergraduate degrees (Health Service Administration from LSU and Nursing from Augusta State).
* Family’s favorite vacation spot is the Hamptons.
* Enjoys playing soccer, tennis, and golf with his kids and Justine.
* How he met Justine - "I was a freshman at the University of Georgia, and her younger sister, Kris, was at LSU. Kris came to visit, and we went on one date, and I texted her to confirm she’d made it back home safe. No response. So I reached out to Justine on Facebook, who confirmed her sister was back and got frank with me about why it was probably not going to work out. So I start talking with Justine, who I discovered is this incredibly driven person who was pursuing dual degrees while working to become a nurse. We kept talking as a couple of years went by; then we started dating. Best decision of my life."

#### Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

* Collects hickory golf clubs.
* Loves to smoke a good cigar.
* Has a cowboy boot collection (was married in a pair of black Laredos).
* Favorite meal – tomahawk rib eye with a side of mac n cheese.
* Is "sneaky good" at ping pong.
* Always uses ‘tails' to mark his ball and uses a quarter from 1927 that they found in an antique shop while on the road. It's the birth year of Justine’s grandmother. The eagle on the quarter served as inspiration for the Team Reed logo.

#### Charity

* Has supported the Patrick Reed Insperity Invitational/AJGA Junior Championship since 2011. Reed is very complementary of his experience playing with the American Junior Golf Association during his junior golf years. The co-tournament chairs of Patrick's event were awarded the Digger Smith Award in 2020 and was the 13th award earned by the Insperity Invitational / Patrick Reed AJGA Junior Championship since 2011: Top Junior-Am fundraising (2016-2018); Top charitable giving (2014-2018, 2020); 2014 and 2016 Open Tournament of the Year honors; 2013 Volunteer Award.
* The Team Reed Foundation is a 501(c)-3 donor-advised fund and currently works with the Greater Houston Community Foundation (GHFC) to help donate time and funds to Houston communities and its residents. The Team Reed Foundation donates to St. Benedict's Homeless Shelter in Owensboro, Kentucky, the Ronald McDonald Foundation, Fischer House, Duke Center of Cancer Research, and the American Junior Golf Association. (https://patrickreedfoundation.com/)
* Team Reed funds an Achieving Competitive Excellence (ACE) grant to provide financial assistance to allow juniors seeking to play golf in college continue to compete in the American Junior Golf Association (AJGA).
* The Team Reed Foundation covers the cost of the AJGA bag tag program (player name/graduation year) each year that helps college coaches identify players when they are on site recruiting. Patrick has carried an AJGA bag tag on his TOUR bag with the names of his kids since their birth (Windsor-Wells - 2014) and when his son, Barrett, was born, the first tournament he put Barrett's bag tag on was the 2018 Masters where he won.
* In early 2019, Team Reed Foundation & Southern Texas PGA Foundation partnered to create the Patrick Reed Scholarship. The Scholarship recognizes a graduating senior who exemplifies what it means to be a student-athlete through a commitment to academics, athletics, and community involvement $10,000 to be used towards their college education.

#### Inner Circle/Special Connections

* Grindworks received a message from a golfer, Charles Penny (a former youth pastor and a First Tee coach) about golf clubs. Charles was making his debut on the APGA tour (Spring 2021). Grindworks shared the message with Patrick and he decided he wanted to help out. Patrick was so moved by the story and that he generously offered for the Team Reed Foundation to absorb the cost of a custom set of irons for Penny. Mr. Penny and Grindworks spoke about the needs he would have on the course and created custom clubs fit exactly to his needs. Patrick and Charles met up in Orlando during the Arnold Palmer Invitational for a range session.

#### Other

* Ideal day off - "Sweatpants, hoodie, chasing kids around the house, probably driving my wife nuts for how loud I’m being with them. Then I cook something. Grilling is one of my greatest passions."
* Favorite sports teams-University Notre Dame Football, Pittsburgh Steelers, Pittsburgh Penguins, Houston Rockets and all Houston sports teams.
* Who he would want to play him in a movie? Jack Nicholson
* One golf course for life – Pebble Beach.
* Loves the nature at Bluejack National (course where he practices).
* Owns a Steinway & Sons Spirio piano.
* After winning the WGC-Doral, accepted full membership on the European Tour and has held his European Tour card since 2015. Has honorary lifetime membership on the European Tour, becoming the fourth American behind Arnold Palmer, Tom Watson and Jack Nicklaus to achieve and be awarded this honor.

### Pat Perez

#### Things To Know

* Made his 500th career PGA TOUR start on November 4, 2021 at the World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba. Finished T17 in his first career start at the 2002 Sony Open in Hawaii.
* Has kept his PGA TOUR card for 20 consecutive seasons and counting (entering 2021-22 PGA TOUR Season)...was on a medical extension in 2016.

#### Background

* Grew up in San Diego and worked in the cart barn at Torrey Pines, including the week of the TOUR’s annual stop at Torrey Pines. His father has been a longtime starter on the #1 tee at the Farmers Insurance Open.
* Pat had season-ending shoulder surgery in 2016, but came back at the end of 2016 to win the World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba at the age of 40. During rehab he was concerned that his career might be over. The first event of his comeback was the 2016 CIMB Classic, which he has been very public with his appreciate to tournament director Todd Rhinehart for a sponsor exemption. A year later Pat won the CIMB Classic.
* Harrison Frazar (2011 FedEx St. Jude Classic) and Pat Perez (2016 World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba) are the last two TOUR players to win while playing out of the Major Medical Extension category.
* Perez is proud of his working-class upbringing. Self-made player, didn’t come from money, not a country club kid. Takes pride in working at Torrey Pines as a teen, “earning” his playing time and fending for himself.
* Was a member of the Arizona State University golf team and helped propel the squad to a National Championship in 1996.

#### Family

* Spent all his time during quarantine at home with his wife and daughter and had the chance to unpack and get situated in the house they moved into over Christmas. Made it a point to cook and spend a couple hours having dinner each day – talking and decompressing.
* Daughter, Piper, was born in September of 2018 during the FedExCup Playoffs; Pat withdrew after 54 holes of the Dell Technologies Championship in Boston to be able to support his wife Ashley during the birth.
* Pat's wife Ashley went into labor and gave birth to their son Paxton (born 8/18/2021) during the 2021 NORTHERN TRUST in New Jersey. The family agreed that Pat would stay and play after earning a spot in the opening FedExCup event. Hurricane Henri went through the New York area on Sunday postponing the final round until Monday where Pat finished T16, but failed to advance to the second round of the FedExCup Playoffs.

#### Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

* Huge collection of Air Jordan shoes. Estimates he has over 1,000 pairs.
* Shoe collection was featured on Complex Closets: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=reqX9-z4Mlo
* Attended Sneaker Con Dallas in 2021.
* Other interests: cars, heavy metal music, hip-hop, well-versed in classic 80's comedies (re: connection with Bill Murray).

#### Charity

* Pat lost childhood friend Greg Rodrigues to suicide on April 24th, 2018. Pat honors the fellow Torrey Pines high school grad annually at the Farmers Insurance Open at Torrey Pines with a G-ROD logo on his sleeve and auctions the polos off for charity every spring, the money going to charity. Pat's two suicide-related charity initiatives are the AFSP (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention) and Angel Force USA; a group that focuses on suicide prevention and brain health for veterans.
* Supports military initiatives. A charity that is very special to Pat is Operation Game On. Wounded troops returning stateside are given a chance to take up golf and move forward with their lives. This charity was founded and run by his dad, Tony Perez.

#### Inner Circle/Special Connections

* Pat and caddie Mike Hartford, who met as teenagers are the longest tenured player-caddie partnership on TOUR. Perez has never had anyone but the person he calls "H." They have walked side-by-side since Perez's rookie TOUR year in 2002, on the Web.com Tour before that, and as amateurs before that. When Perez won the 1993 Junior World at Torrey Pines, Hartford drove him to the course each day. (Perez had totaled his car and needed a ride.) They have been together so long that Perez used to work for Hartford. Hartford started a lawn-care business when he was 11, and hired Perez some five years later. "He was the fastest worker I ever had," Hartford says with a laugh. PGATOUR.COM feature on Pat and Mike: https://www.pgatour.com/long-form/2018/01/09/pat-perez-caddie-mike-hartford-longest-partnership.html
* Numerous celebrity connections include Bill Murray and the William Murray Golf celebrity network. Iron Maiden drummer Nicko McBrain and Avenged Sevenfold lead singer M-Shadows have become fans and golfing partners over the years.
* Was a neighbor of Pat Burrell's when he played for the Philadelphia Phillies. Pat was very close to the 2008 Phillies team that won the World Series and got to know many of the players on the team. Pat would be on the field for warmups hitting with Jimmy Rollins and playing catch.
* MLB player Josh Donaldson and Larry Fitzgerald of the NFL.

#### Other

* Pat is proud to be a bit of an outlier and march-to-a-different-beat kind of guy. Ties to brands like Jumpman (with Michael Jordan) and William Murray Golf (with Bill Murray)—it’s a badge of honor; being involved with guys he looked up to (in sports and film) as a kid.
* Creative and colorful set up sponsors include: William Murray Golf, PXG, Air Jordan / brand (Jumpman), MGM Grand and SilverLeaf Golf Club out of Scottsdale is his latest brand addition.

### Chris Kirk

#### Things To Know

* On May 7, 2019, took a leave of absence from the PGA TOUR to deal with alcohol abuse and depression issues; returned to competition on November 14, 2019, finishing T33 at the World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba
* Lives on 42 acres of land in Watkinsville, Georgia, near Athens; has his own practice facility onsite
* Won the Korn Ferry Tour's King & Bear Classic in June of 2020 (second event back from the COVID-19 play stoppage) to end a five-year victory drought and bring his story of sobriety full circle

#### Background

* Born in Knoxville, Tennessee, but grew up in Woodstock, Georgia
* Won his first golf event when he was 8. It was a three-hole tournament in which all of the holes were shortened to 150 yards.
* Played college golf at the University of Georgia alongside fellow PGA TOUR winners Kevin Kisner, Brendon Todd and Brian Harman; key member of UGA's 2005 NCAA Championship team; named recipient of the 2007 Ben Hogan Award as the nation's top collegiate golfer; won seven times while playing for the Bulldogs, including four his senior year; member, 2007 U.S. Walker Cup team; turned professional after the Walker Cup
* Became the first Hogan Award winner to win the Charles Schwab Challenge at Colonial with his victory in 2015.
* Played on the Korn Ferry Tour from 2008 through 2010; won twice during the 2010 season en route to finishing second on the money list to secure his PGA TOUR card for 2011
* Four PGA TOUR titles include the 2011 Sanderson Farms Championship; 2013 The RSM Classic; 2014 Deutsche Bank Championship; 2015 Charles Schwab Challenge; reached a career-best 16th in the Official World Golf Ranking two weeks after the Charles Schwab Challenge victory
* Competed for the U.S. Team in the 2015 Presidents Cup, where Kirk delivered a key 1-up victory over Anirban Lahiri in Singles to help the U.S. Team secure the victory in Korea.

#### Family

* Wife, Tahnee; children Sawyer Montgomery, Foster Anderson, Wilder James
* Met Tahnee at a friend's blueberry farm while driving to the 2008 Sugar Bowl

#### Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

* Loves to spend time at the beach and is an avid kayaker, paddleboarder and fisherman
* Bought a piano and taught himself how to play
* Fan of the Atlanta Braves (MLB). Participated in batting practice with the team in 2015.

### Max McGreevy

#### Things To Know

* Earned his PGA TOUR card for the 2021-22 season after finishing 14th on the Korn Ferry Tour's regular season points list in 2020-21 (The 25), which included a victory at the 2020 Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper in Springfield, Missouri.
* In his win at the 2020 Price Cutter Charity Championship, his parents arrived in Springfield, Missouri the day of the second round, but were unable to physically be on the property due to COVID-19 restrictions.
* Shared a house in Dallas for a couple of years with fellow professional golfers Scottie Scheffler, Charlie Saxon and Grant Hirschman. The house was nicknamed "The Dirty Meadow" since it was on Clover Meadow Drive. The most heated competitions involved ping pong or Sequence. They no longer live together, but Max, Charlie and Grant are all members at Dallas Athletic Club and maintain a close friendship.
* Played four seasons at University of Oklahoma (2013-17), helping the Sooners win the 2017 NCAA Championships for the second team national title in program history. McGreevy won his match in the semifinals and final. Won three times individually, earned All-Big 12 Conference honors as a junior (2016) and senior (2017), and garnered a 2016 All-America Third Team honor. Also notably finished fifth at the 2017 Big 12 Championships, where the field included Scottie Scheffler (T2), Doug Ghim (T2), and Viktor Hovland (T6).
* Comes from an athletic family. Father (Brian) played golf at the University of Kansas, uncle (Tom McGreevy) played golf at Arizona State and another uncle (Gary Freeman) played football at Kansas State. His father, Brian, also won the 1998 Oklahoma State Amateur.

#### Background

* His journey to the PGA TOUR: Korn Ferry Tour (2020-21), PGA TOUR China (2019, won the Order of Merit), Korn Ferry Tour (2018), PGA TOUR Canada (2017).
* Went to PGA TOUR China on the advice of former college teammate Charlie Saxon and proceeded to win the 2019 Order of Merit to regain Korn Ferry Tour status (McGreevy played on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2018, but lost his card after making seven cuts in 16 starts). Saxon was a four-time winner on PGA TOUR China and finished No. 2 on the 2018 Order of Merit. Traveled to China with former college teammate, Luke Kwon, and they roomed together all year. Kwon finished fifth on the Order of Merit to earn his Korn Ferry Tour card.
* On his decision to play PGA TOUR China in 2019, McGreevy said, "It took a lot for me to go over there and do that. I had a fun journey. It was an experience I felt like I needed, and it made me stronger for the years to come."
* His coach at University of Oklahoma, Ryan Hybl, noted McGreevy played with a chip on his shoulder, saying, "For his entire life, up until he probably got to (Oklahoma), he just thought he was never quite good enough. He always has to believe that he's not quite good enough because that gets his engine roaring."
* Won the 2017 and 2019 Oklahoma Open.
* Growing up in Oklahoma, he consistently played a draw to deal with the windy conditions, but as his game has improved, he now considers a "little fade" as his go-to shot when he's under pressure.
* Considers his time on PGA TOUR China a big turning point in his career as he realized he could excel at the professional level: "I kind of dominated a little bit, in my mind, I just felt like I was always in contention every single week. I always had a chance, and that's what we want out here [on the PGA TOUR] every single week."

#### Family

* Mother, Sherryl; Father, Brian; Brother, Tanner (seven years older than Max)
* Father, Brian McGreevy, played golf at the University of Kansas. He was the 1998 Oklahoma State Amateur champion and has been Max's coach his whole life. Brian also went to Q-School once and was a professional for about a year and a half but couldn't do the constant travel.
* In 2007, his father, Brian, was the club champion at The Greens Country Club in Oklahoma City while Max was the junior club champion. When Max was 15, he still had never beaten his dad, and they both shot a 64 on the same day, which is Max's lowest-ever score at The Greens Country Club.

#### Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

* His favorite food while on the road is Chipotle.
* His family ate a ton of Mexican food growing up, and now that he lives in Dallas, there are a ton of options for him. He also considers himself a "big sushi guy."
* Enjoys spending time with his family and friends
* His fiancee, Liv, claims that Max is a great dancer
* His favorite restaurant in Dallas is "HG Sply," located in lower Greenville where he usually hangs out when he's home in Dallas.
* His favorite course is Eugene Country Club in Oregon, which was established in 1899.
* His favorite show is "Parks and Recreation," his favorite movie is "Good Will Hunting," and his favorite musician is Parker McCollum.
* Says his favorite music depends on the time of year: "I like country music a lot. But I also like EDM, kind of pop-house music. It kind of gets me going for a tournament or something like that. I'm all over the place, I mean, I like slower stuff, too. My brother was always in to the alternative music, so I listened to that growing up. Whatever gets the vibe right is essentially what I'm listening to." Listed Parker McCollum and Post Malone as two of his favorite artists.

#### Inner Circle/Special Connections

* Max and his fiancee, Liv Blevins, became engaged on December 24, 2021. They had been dating for around two years. They met because Liv's little sister and Max's best friend's little sister lived together and introduced them. Max proposed to Liv on Christmas Eve (2021), which Liv noted on her Instagram (@livblevs) was 34 years after her father proposed to her mother on Christmas Eve: "34 years ago my dad proposed to my mom on Christmas Eve. Thank you for making this so special Max. I love you more than you know and can't wait to spend the rest of my life with you!!! #mcmarried"
* He and his fiancee, Liv, have a Chihuahua named "Belle."
* During the week where he finished solo-second at the 2022 Puerto Rico Open - which is his highest-ever finish on the PGA TOUR - he played a card game with his caddie, Brett Swedberg, called "cribbage" every night. That week, he also went on a hike in the Yunque Rainforest.

#### Other

* Dream vacation would be traveling to Singapore and staying at the Marina Bay Sands resort.
* His lowest-ever round was a 60 (12-under) at Rose Creek Golf Club in Edmond, Oklahoma. His lowest-ever round in tournament play is a 61, which he's accomplished on two occasions: 2017 Oklahoma Open and the 2018 APT Victoria Open.
* Reflecting on his rookie year on the PGA TOUR in 2021-22, and how he's making progress: "It's been tough, honestly. As a rookie, you put a lot of pressure on yourself to get off to a good start. And going up against some of the guys that I've been watching and paying attention to for my whole childhood growing up, I think I started to put some of these guys on too high of a pedestal. I thought they were so good - and they are really good - but I don't think I put myself up to that same pedestal, essentially. I've kind of been able to break that down as the weeks have gone on, which is nice, and we've been able to put some good wees together."

### Davis Riley

#### Things To Know

* Turned professional without any status prior to the second semester of his senior year at Alabama (would have been spring 2019). In making the decision, he sought advice from Will Zalatoris, who turned professional under similar circumstances. Davis called it the toughest decision he ever had to make.
* Played in consecutive U.S. Junior Amateur Championship title matches in 2013 and 2014, at the time becoming the eight player in history - a group which included Tiger Woods and Jordan Spieth - to play in multiple title matches; he remains the only player of the now nine two-time finalists to lose both times. The others, for reference: Mason Rudolph (1949 / 1950), Eddie Pearce (1968 / 1969), Mike Brannan (1971 / 1973), Tim Straub (1982 / 1983), Tiger Woods (1991 / 1992 / 1993), Jordan Spieth (2009 / 2011), Jim Liu (2010 / 2012), Noah Goodwin (2016 / 2017). In 2013, he led Scottie Scheffler 3 up, but eventually lost 3&2 (the match ended when Riley called a rules infraction on himself for nudging the ball at address prior to a long birdie putt from just off the green). In 2014, he led Will Zalatoris 2 up, but eventually lost 5&3.
* Qualified for the 2015 U.S. Open as an 18-year-old high school graduate; finished in an eight-way tie for 17th place and one shot out of a playoff in his 2014 U.S. Open Sectional.
* Shot a 58 at Canebrake Country Club in October 2013 when he was 16 years old. He was with five other friends after school one late afternoon, and on the last few holes, his friends - who played the first 12 holes, then stopped and watched him play the rest - shined lights on his ball for him to see; he had a 10-footer on the last to shoot 57 and left it on the front edge.

#### Background

* Introduced to golf by his parents at three years old and grew up on a course called Canebrake Country Club in Hattiesburg; their house was on the ninth fairway. "I could walk 200 yards from my house and be on the driving range and putting green and clubhouse." Still walks back and forth from his childhood home to the course when he's in Mississippi. "Summer days when I was younger were sunup to sundown. I remember getting on the course at eight in the morning and not coming in until it was dark. Just countless hours."
* Played a few sports growing up, including baseball, which was big in his family; he played soccer and baseball until he was 10 or 11 years old and decided to focus on golf.
* 2018 All-America Third-Team selection his junior year at Alabama. Was also a three-time All-SEC selection (first-team honoree as a junior for 2017-18, second-team honoree as a freshman and sophomore in 2015-16 and 2016-17, respectively). He finished his career ranked No. 3 in program history in career scoring average (71.30), only trailing Robby Shelton and Justin Thomas. Helped Alabama to a runner-up finish at the 2018 NCAA Championships, winning both his quarterfinal and semifinal matches. Teammates with Robby Shelton (2015-16) and Lee Hodges (2016-17 and 2017-18). Riley was recruited by Alabama while in high school during the Justin Thomas era, when the team won back-to-back NCAA Championships in 2013 and 2014; his mother attended Alabama for two years.

#### Family

* Finacee, Alexandra Patton; proposed to her on February 12, 2022 in Highland Park, Texas. Wedding will be on December 17, 2022.
* Father: David. With the driving range, putting green, and clubhouse at Canebrake Country Club roughly 200 yards from their house, David kept a pair of binoculars by the back door to keep an eye on Davis at the course.
* Mother, Kim, is a breast cancer survivor; she was diagnosed in March 2018 and had a mastectomy in May 2018 (but didn't have to undergo chemotherapy or radiation). Prior to her diagnosis, she almost never missed any of Riley's events, most notably attending his two U.S. Junior Amateur Championship title matches and his first college tournament for the University of Alabama; she missed the 2018 NCAA Championship, but traveled to the Western Amateur and U.S. Amateur later that summer. Kim went to Alabama for two years, which inspired Davis to attend.
* Sister: Caroline.
* Grandfather played baseball at Georgia Tech.

#### Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

* Likes to go hunting with his dad and one day he'd like to own a big cabin somewhere with a bunch of land.
* New Orleans Saints fan; he loves watching Michael Thomas and Alvin Kamara.
* Enjoys cooking when not on the road.

#### Inner Circle/Special Connections

* Shared an apartment with Will Zalatoris after moving to Dallas in November 2019, and the two shared the apartment until January 2021. "Obviously, when we signed the lease in November [2019], we didn't know we'd basically spend the next seven straight months together. It was fun pushing each other. I learned a lot from him; he learned a lot from me. One guy gets up at 6:30, the other guy gets up at 6 -- the next day, we're both up at 6; the next thing you know, we're both up at 5:30. We were always pushing each other." -Will Zalatoris in a 2021 Lying Four story. Riley stood by the 18 green and waited to congratulate Zalatoris after his win at the 2020 TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes, and Zalatoris returned the gesture when Riley won his second tournament of the season at the TPC San Antonio Championship at the Oaks (their wins were just two weeks apart). The two also faced off in the 2014 U.S. Junior Amateur championship match, which Zalatoris won 5&3.
* Frequently played at Maridoe Golf Club with Will Zalatoris, Jordan Spieth, Kramer Hickok, and Tony Romo.
* One of four recipients of the 2015 Byron Nelson International Junior Golf Award. One of the other three recipients was Sam Burns. Also played with Sam Burns on the 2014 Junior Ryder Cup team.
* Built a good relationship with and stayed in touch with Justin Thomas, a fellow Alabama alum; he sought advice from Thomas when he turned professional.
* The Dallas Stars became his "adopted hockey team" and he played golf with NHL players Joe Pavelski, John Klingberg, Stephen Johns, and Mattias Janmark (former Star, now with Las Vegas).
* Competed on the 2018 Palmer Cup Team with Collin Morikawa and Matthew Wolff.
* Played at Alabama at the same time as LPGA player Emma Talley; she was a senior when he was a freshman in 2015-16.

#### Other

* Earned his first PGA TOUR card by finishing seventh in the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour regular season points standings. On the Korn Ferry Tour, won the 2020 Panama Championship and 2020 TPC San Antonio Championship at the Oaks. Entered the final round of both his wins in T2 position and one shot off the lead. In his win at TPC San Antonio, Riley holed a bunker shot for birdie at the par-4 15th, stuck his tee shot to 18 inches at the par-3 16th, and stuck his approach - a 95-yard wedge shot - inside two feet at the par-5 18th for a tap-in birdie (he only needed a par to win on the 72nd hole). In his win at the Panama Championship, Riley made a 70-foot eagle putt at the par-5 12th to reclaim the outright lead; he bogeyed the par-4 15th, but parred his last three holes to win.
* Began his rookie season on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2019 without status and successfully Monday qualified into four events and received a sponsor exemption, culminating in a T7 at the REX Hospital Open and T15 at the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNNEX in June, which earned him Special Temporary Membership. Needed a par (and made it) on his final hole at the BMW Charity Pro-Am to clinch Special Temporary Membership. He finished the 2019 Korn Ferry Tour regular season at No. 70 on the points list, granting him fully exempt status for what would become the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour season.

### Cam Davis

#### Things To Know

* Sydney, Australia native now calls Seattle home. One of very few TOUR pros to live in Washington year round, joining Kyle Stanley who resides in Gig Harbor.
* Moved to Seattle after turning professional where he met Jonika, whom he proposed to on April 21, 2019. They were married on September 5, 2020 in Seattle.
* Surprisingly, while ranked 1,494 on the Official World Golf Ranking and having just lost his status on the Mackenzie Tour - PGA TOUR Canada, won the 2017 Australian Open at The Australian Golf Club after beginning the final round six strokes back of the lead. Held off the likes of Jason Day and Jordan Spieth to win his first professional tournament in his backyard.
* Prior to his 2017 Australian Open win, had lost status on the Mackenzie Tour - PGA TOUR Canada earlier in the year and had never recorded a top-10 finish before his win at the Australian Open.
* Won his first PGA TOUR title at the 2021 Rocket Mortgage Classic in a five-hole playoff with Troy Merritt and Joaquin Niemann after going eagle-birdie on the final two holes of regulation to get into the playoff.
* Cam's first PGA TOUR win in Detroit fell on the seventh anniversary of his first date with his wife Jonika.
* Cam's caddie, Aussie Andrew Tschudin (Chew-din), played in the 2004 U.S. Open at Shinnecock, won three times on the Hooters Tour, twice on the Korean Tour and once on the Australasian Tour. Andrew's first event on Cam's bag was the 2017 Australian Open, which he won.
* Although he plays right-handed, he can hit equally well on the other side. There is an impressive 2014 video of him on the driving range hitting right and left-handed.
* Favorite memory was watching Tiger Woods play for the first time at the Australian Masters in 2009
* Began playing golf when he was 3 years old growing up in Sydney.
* Played soccer growing up with his brothers, as well as tennis and cricket.
* One of his biggest hobbies is disc golf.
* Always uses an Australian 20 cent coin to mark his ball.
* Really enjoys Japanese food.

### Viktor Hovland

#### Things To Know

* The World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba marks the first time Hovland has defended a title as he did not return to the Puerto Rico Open after winning in 2020.
* Is the only current PGA TOUR member from Norway. (Kristoffer Ventura lost his PGA TOUR card this past season).
* Grew up in Oslo, Norway and was the first Norwegian to compete in several marquis golf events, including the Masters Tournament (2019 as an amateur) and the Ryder Cup (2020 at Whistling Straits). Became the first player from Norway to win on the PGA TOUR (2020 Puerto Rico Open) and European Tour (2021 BMW International Open).
* In his first Ryder Cup appearance, faced Collin Morikawa in the final day Singles match where Morikawa clinched the victory for the United States with a tie against Hovland.
* Represented Norway in the Summer Olympics 2020 in Tokyo. "We have a very rich Olympic tradition, and now with golf being an Olympic sport, it would be great for people back home to just get into the sport." Finished T14.
* Oklahoma State: Played collegiately at Oklahoma State University. Was part of the NCAA Championship winning team in 2018, along with Matthew Wolff and Kris Ventura. Named 2019 Ben Hogan Award winner (national player of the year) and 2019 Big 12 Player of the Year. Oklahoma State coach Alan Bratton first watched Viktor at the 2013 European Boys Team Championships in Scotland where he was also scouting Ventura, who is also from Norway.

#### Background

* Winner of the 2018 U.S. Amateur: Won the 2018 U.S. Amateur at Pebble Beach Golf Links, becoming the first player from Norway to win the event. Oklahoma State coach Alan Bratton caddied for him during the victory.
* 2019 Masters Tournament and U.S. Open: Became the first Norwegian to participate in the Masters Tournament in 2019 and earned low-amateur honors at the event. Became the first player to earn low-amateur honors at the Masters and the U.S. Open in the same year since Matt Kuchar in 1998.
* World No. 1: Reached No. 1 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking.

#### Family

* Son of Galina and Harald Hovland
* Father worked in St. Louis for one year as an engineer and brought back a set of golf clubs, introducing then-11-year-old Viktor to the game.

#### Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

* Metal fan: Listens to metal music (Metallica, System of a Down); he likes to "get out all of the frustration" by listening to that music.
* Is not superstitious, but noted at the 2022 Arnold Palmer Invitational that he always has his marker in his left pocket because, "When I was a kid, I would put it in my right pocket but I would also put my glove in the right pocket. When I would pull out my glove, the coin would fall off. Even though now I keep it in my back pocket, I always have it in the left pocket."
* Often hears fans' connections to Norway shouted from the gallery. "I heard one this morning actually," he said at the 2022 Arnold Palmer Invitational. "Yeah, that happens quite a bit. There's a lot of Norwegian ancestry here in the states. Yeah, I do hear it quite a bit."
* When he was in high school he "probably averaged (watching) a movie per day," he told Tulsa World in 2022. He and a group of friends would watch the Lord of the Rings trilogy together a few times per year.
* Has recently gotten into poker and scours YouTube for tips on how to improve. "I've gotten to know a few people within the poker community," Hovland says. "Maybe I'll get into some games some day."

#### Inner Circle/Special Connections

* Bought a house in Stillwater, Oklahoma (home of Oklahoma State), after turning professional. When he was in college, he rented a room from teammate Austin Eckroat's parents, who had bought a place there to keep up with Austin. Austin, who is trying to become a PGA TOUR player, used to live in Viktor's house in Stillwater until he bought his own house in Oklahoma. When Viktor won the World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba in 2020, Austin finished T12.
* As of May 2022 Hovland still lives in the house, six miles from OSU's home course of Karston Creek. Currently shares the residence with OSU junior Brian Stark. While Hovland is playing on TOUR, Karsten Creek head pro and GM Rob Land watches over the house. Land told Tulsa World prior to the 2022 PGA Championship that, a few weeks earlier, he helped Hovland figure out how to turn on the water heater.

#### Other

* Record-setting streak in the 60s: In the fall of 2019, became the first player on record (since 1983) on the PGA TOUR to record a streak of at least 18 rounds in the 60s with a first-round 69 at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, breaking Bob Estes' 2001 record of 17; the streak, which began in the final round of the 2019 Rocket Mortgage Classic (64), reached 19 before a third-round 74 at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES.

### Harold Varner III

#### Things To Know

* Harold, who is know for his purple ensembles in tribute to his alma mater, East Carolina University, wore a Carolina-blue outfit during the 2022 Masters Par-3 Contest after losing a bet to Michael Jordan. "I said I'd wear these shoes and Carolina gear if Carolina beat Duke. And what do you know, something crazy happened."
* Recently joined Team RBC; partnered with RBC and Golf Canada to serve as an ambassador for RBC Community Junior Golf Program, an initiative that will focus on building greater diversity and equity in golf by enabling affordable access to the game for youth in underrepresented communities in Canada.
* Harold is committed to providing affordable access to youth in sports, and in 2019 he launched the HV3 Foundation. He hosts an AJGA tournament in North Carolina (since 2020) and he was named the national ambassador of Youth On Course in April 2021.
* Harold and Amanda welcomed their first child, Liam, on October 12, 2021. At the Sanderson Farms Championship in the weeks leading up to the birth of their son, Varner was asked by media if he planned to take time off. To that, he replied (in jest) "I'm not taking any time off. That kid's gotta eat. That formula's not cheap."
* Only professional golfer who is currently a Jordan Brand Athlete (and just the second, previous Keegan Bradley). Michael Jordan texted Harold and two days later, the partnership was finalized. Harold said the hardest part was texting Jordan back -- after receiving the offer just before a practice round. Varner estimates he has more than 400 pairs of Jordans, but says the partnership enables him to give back. "At the end of the day, no one is going to remember all the shoes I had. They're going to remember, 'Man Harold gave me this shoe, and I made X amount of dollars for my foundation.'"

#### Background

* Harold is very passionate about providing kids with access to all sports (not just golf). Cites his $100 youth golf membership as a program that’s needed everywhere.
* Growing up, Harold worked in the bag room and picked ranged balls in exchange for playing privileges at Gastonia Country Club. He worked with Bruce Sudderth, the Club's teaching pro and a former administrator on PGA TOUR Champions. https://www.pgatour.com/webcom/news/2015/09/16/harold-varner-mentor-pga-tour.html

#### Family

* Harold Varner III and Amanda Singleton were married in September 2020 and welcomed their first child, Liam, in October 2021. They reside in Charlotte, North Carolina.

#### Interests/Hobbies/Quirks

* Diehard Carolina Panthers fan; also supports Charlotte Hornets.
* East Carolina University alumnus; was Conference USA Player of the Year in 2012 and a three-time All-Conference honoree.
* Uses #WeHere as his social motto.

#### Charity

* Harold launched the HV3 Foundation in 2019, which aims to help kids have an opportunity to better themselves in sports. Harold believes that providing the opportunity to play sports can have a great impact and help kids.
* In April 2021, Harold was named the national ambassador of Youth On Course.
* In June 2020, he hosted his first AJGA event, the HV3 Junior All-Star (Tanglewood Park Golf Course, Clemmons, NC). The 2021 edition of his tournament concluded July 1, 2021 (https://twitter.com/hv3\_foundation/status/1411091690476216321).
* In spring 2019, the Drew Charter men’s golf team from Atlanta won the Class A Public State Championship in golf. They were the first Atlanta Public School to capture the state title, and they were the first all-black team and coaching staff to earn top honors in the state of Georgia. To recognize the team's achievement, Varner made a $5,000 donation to the team through the HV3 Foundation.

#### Inner Circle/Special Connections

* Harold is the only head-to-toe Jordan Brand golf athlete. A lot of the clothing he wears is specifically for him and Michael only, and every month he gets shoes that only Jordan Athletes receive.
* Works with Fred Whitfield (COO of the Charlotte Hornets) and has spoken at Hornets youth basketball camps several years, where he tells kids his story and what it takes to make it.

#### Other

* On June 5, 2020, Harold sat down with Jay Monahan to discuss the nationwide protests about social injustice amidst the TOUR’s Return to Golf. https://www.pgatour.com/video/2020/06/05/a-thoughtful-conversation-with-commissioner-monahan-and-varner-i.html
* At the 2020 Genesis Invitational, Harold wore Kobe-inspired Jordans on Thursday and Sunday. He sold $10 raffle tickets and the raffle winner won the shoes. Through the raffle, he donated $5,000 to the Mamba on Three Foundation.
* Hosted his friend Arturo at the 2019 Mayakoba Golf Classic. They met online playing Call of Duty, and their week at Mayakoba was the first time they met in person. https://twitter.com/PGATOUR/status/1195354992540110853
* Was the Genesis Invitational Charlie Sifford exemption in 2014.