**PGA TOUR Champions Learning Center Show 19**

VO > PGA Tour Champions Learning Center. Sunday was a final round sprint at the Ally Challenge in an event that was completely up for grabs. Steve Stricker made his first appearance here, a memorable one. Stricker caught fire on the final nine at Warwick Hills with a string of birdies going 64, 67 over the final two rounds to capture his second victory of the season. And ninth on PGA Tour champions. Johnson Tech and Hall of Famer Lanny Watkins have more.

VO > Well, Vince, it was a wild run to the finish on Sunday, including Jeff Maggert birdieing the last Lanny to shoot 65.

VO > What he did, he put the pressure on Steve Stricker with that birdie at 18.

VO > Stricker had a run of four straight birdies, this one as he gave up the solo lead.

VO > Yeah nice putt here by Strick just now get it get this speed correct. Pours that in, beautiful stroke.

VO >Brett quickly had something to say about the outcome. How about this for Eagle at 16?

VO > All of a sudden, Brett Quigley found his putting stroke here with 16 beautiful eagle and all the sudden can make more magic happen.

VO > He would birdie 17 as well. That kept the heat on Stricker.

VO > This is the one that I think Stricker was comfortable as well with didn't think he needed it turned out he did.

VO > And then to 18 Quigley looking for one more. So he picked up four shots over the final three holes. He did all he could.

VO> Yeah, but Quigley hit just also birdied 17 and then buries this one at 18 to really make the finish by Steve Stricker all important and that was a two putt par at 18 for Steve Stricker. Who play the 18th hole very well.

VO > 67 for Stricter on the final day to finish at 15 under and take the fifth edition of the Aly Challenge. A fifth multiple winner of the season. The man has made 44 starts since turning 50 events that he's won nine times out here on PGA Tour champions.

VO > Thank you so much, gentlemen. The Charles Schwab Cup standings are more interesting by the week. Steven Alker continues to lead, but Paddy Harrington's tee forward ally has him creeping closer. Jerry Kelly, Miguel Angel Jimenez and winner Steve Stricker are your top five.

VO > PGA Tour Champions returns next week with the Ascension Charity Classic in what has long been a terrific sports city, Saint Louis, Missouri. Last September, David Toms won for the second time in his PGA Tour champions career when he defeated Dickie Pride in a playoff in the inaugural Ascension Charity Classic. Tom's is best known, of course, as a professional golfer and a major champion, but he is also an avid duck hunter. Last November, during the off season, Toms was in Arkansas, where he was again hoping the birdies would pile up.

VO > We're here at my duck camp just where we come and spend a lot of time in the winter. It's called Fowler's Point. Just Place I've been a part of for about eight years now, and I spend probably 35 to 40 days during the winter out here and in the middle of the woods and water. And it's a way of life.

OC > I started hunting with my grandfather and my father. I was lucky that when my son was at a very young age, he loved to go with me. And he's probably hooked on it more than I am. He's called me all day long, the last two days, once he knew I was here on property if point just to try to get a report.

OC> We have a blast. It's kind of our favorite time of the year together always hanging out. And outside of playing golf when I was growing up, this was kind of our thing and we did together.

VO > There's so much preparation that goes into it when you're talking about getting decoys ready, setting everything up, what's the wind direction, what's the water level? What do I need to wear for the elements at the time? How you get out there and prepare for it? How you work all year long to get ready for the big event. I mean, it's very similar to golf.

OC > It's a beautiful morning.

VO > Plus it's outside. I mean, I'm the type of person that unless I'm watching The LSU tigers play or I'm watching Yellowstone, I don't like to be inside.

OC > We're ready.

VO > The big day like today. It is It's really exciting.

OC> I mean, we all had a hard time sleeping last night and Mr. David, he gets he gets to go on today's Christmas, his birthday, everything all in one. I mean, I've never seen so jacked up in my life.

VO > Growing up in Louisiana, hunting and fishing. You know, that's called Sportsman's Paradise State. So I was used to that growing up as a kid and and then coming here, moving up. This is what they call the 50 yard line for duck hunting here in this part of Arkansas. So we're in the right spot to have good hunts, but we're still weather dependent and migration of the birds. What the weather's doing, but the sun's doing like the clouds are doing and what the wind's doing. The water level very similar to all the preparation you put in for golf. So it goes hand in hand. To be able to put the clubs up for a little while now and do other things I enjoy. That's what it's all about. And our schedule on the PGA Tour champions is such that you can do that the way it's spread out over the years. You have your time off that you can take and spend time with family, do the other things you like to do. And as long as I can continue to do that and the body holds up, you know, I see myself continuing to play, you know, maybe not as long as Bernhard is or some of those other guys, but I certainly don't see why I can't play another four or five years.

VO > David Toms will defend as some of the PGA Tour champions finest returned to Saint Louis next week for the Ascension charity classic. First round coverage begins Friday, September 9th, VO > When Learning Center returns. Rocco Mediate joins us to discuss the importance of a pre shot routine and how you can create one that will help you lower your scores. So stay with us.

VO > Welcome back to Learning Center. And just in time for this week's What's Your Edge?

OC> Rocco Mediate has spent a career studying the nuances of the game, and often times he will share his thoughts with us and does again.

OC> Nuances.

OC > Well, that's a big word. We're we're going to talk about what happens actually before you hit the shot. And almost as important, I would think, as the shot itself. Yes.

OC > Absolutely. Yeah. Pre shot routine is it's a natural reaction. Once you have it, you got to figure out your shot routine first, which I did early in, early, early I based all my pre shot stuff off Watson Tom he was my man still is my man and I based my speed of that I play and what he did I do it differently. Like when Tom

OC > Has it changed much at all?

OC >No, not really. No. But you know, most guys, I get behind it just and it's a very I'm very fast. I don't take a lot of time. It's aim and shoot for me doesn't mean you have to do it or she has to do it. Just aim and shoot for me. You got to figure out what works. But Watson would get in and once he got his whatever this and that say an eight iron to whatever I'm looking at an area I might spend that much time. I know what I want to do. But when Watson was Watson, okay, when he was bad ass, which I loved, he gave it two waggles. Boom. Whoops. He didn't do that probably most of the time. I would guess. But he gave it two waggles. He gave it this. He go boom, one up two and he's out of their swing.

OC > I love that.

OC > So I do the same thing. My waggle is not this way that tom toms was more kind of this way. A real waggle mine is not a real waggle. I kind of do this one too. I if I'm hitting this shot, it goes like this. I look all behind and it goes, I'm in there, right this I do this. Right foot comes off the line. One, two, and then I'm gone. It's it's all. It's all. She wrote beauty and that's all but and and those the pre shot routine because you've looked back through history all the greatest players under the gun whatever tournament it is it never wavered. So the second you take too long on something or you get out of your pre shot routine most of the time not good things happen.

OC > Yeah.

OC > Sometimes you can pull it off, but I've seen it happen too. We've all seen it happen to a lot of different players over the years. But you know, if you if you look at Jack, you look at Tiger, if you look at all the great all the great players, Trevino Watson, I guarantee you, under the pressure of a major championship or whatever, it never varied, probably less than a second. They just because they treated this shot is the same as it was Thursday morning on the first tee on the 72nd holds the U.S. open you go driving it's the same kind of thing. Of course, you might feel a little different inside, but you go through the same pre shot routine it should be. And that's the fight when that's from every shot I do the same. Putting greens a little different. But as far as pitching or something, it's couple waggles and it's out of that.

OC > Have you had to ever remind yourself not not to drag a little bit?

OC > Oh, when you're working on stuff and when you go out and you're playing in a tournament, you're working on something, which is a huge mistake, but you got to see if it works right. Then all of a sudden you're like, Oh my God, I've been standing up because I'm quick, I'm eight or 9 seconds, I'm out. But sometimes you'll catch yourself like back off and just start laughing because what are you doing? Just aiming. Shoot, aim and shoot. That's what I try. But it's not for everybody, obviously. But I see some guys that come out like we're talking about pro stuff. Guys come out, they'll get in the first tee and just kind of get up there and swing. Well, good luck. How about if we look behind it? Kind of look where we're trying to go.

It may not help anyway, but try to look where we're trying to go and then just kind of set up in the vicinity. Do we all set up the same? No, I set up my toe lines to the right, Freddy's toe lines to the left right. The other guys are dead straight. Whatever works, it's dynamic motion. Whatever dynamic motion works for you.

OC > So I guess to encapsulate everything, just if you were tell amateurs or somebody just get your pre shot routine.

OC > Yeah, get it down.

OC > And brevity is great. Just, just get there and go.

OC > I mean, think about free throw shooters. I don't I don't watch a lot of basketball, but I there's when they're on the line, they do the same thing every time. Why is that, I wonder? Because that's that's they're they're flow.

OC > And the move or whatever. It's also good for you, too.

OC > Yes. I'm always I'm never static. I mean, when you see guys over the ball look like this, that to me will cause a problem. You know, Trevino, never move. I mean, never say never with me. And I also don't like and, you know, all the you know, even though Jack kind of took longer than most, he was always something was moving. You know, Trevino is awesome. Watson had that movement. I've always felt when I get in there, it's just that one or two things I'm moving all over the damn place. So I feel all this and all this. It's it's a motion. And when the motions where I want it, it works really well. But when the motion comes off, that's why they make a short game because when you miss, I always tell guys the best green hitter in the world, hits for 13 and a half 14 greens a day. What about the other three and a half? Four and a half. We got to pitch in part, so but it's the same thing with every shot and it's supposed to be in, you know, in your head it might not be. But if you go through the same same boom, boom, boom out, it has to be better.

OC > So less is more absolutely your philosophy and that's how it goes. And when you start seeing guys slow down, oh, good lord, stand still. I mean, you know, it's right. That's going to be

OC >We have an eternity to hit a shot. Yeah, 40 seconds. If I take 40 seconds, I would just internally blow one. I'm like, oh, my God, I've been over here for how long?

OC > You can't do it.

OC > Oh, no, can't do it. But some guys take one and that's okay. We're not saying that's bad, but it has to be the same. It should be the same every time. Makes things easier. For sure.

OC > All right. Put that in your back pocket. Rocco thanks.

OC > You got it, any time.

VO > Up next on Learning Center. PGA Tour champions Ambassador Alfonso Ribeiro joins us to discuss the future of the tour and how his own career has entered a second phase.

OC > Alfonso Ribeiro is an actor slash host, best known for his role as Carlton on The Fresh Prince of Bel Air. Well, currently, he can be seen as the host of America's Funniest Home Videos, but not even Alonso saw this one coming, a video worthy of the very show that he hosts. L ast year at the American Century Championship Celebrity Golf Event. Ribeiro attempted the big break glass break challenge, and it turns out he hit more than just the target.

OC > Blair O'Neal, joined by my good friend Alfonso Ribeiro, current host of America's Funniest Home Videos. And we're going to break some glass. You'll be on breaking glass. We're going to race and we're trying to do a quick. Have you done this before?

OC > I have a few years ago and I did it on the first shot. So I can only set myself up for failure right now.

OC > Okay.

OC > Well all you have to do is beat 16.53 seconds to get your name on the leaderboard.

OC> On the board. Okay. So that means I really have to get this first one off right?

OC > to sets

OC > Yeah. Yeah. Fast. Yeah.

VO > Three, two, one, go.

VO > Oh, oh, that was wild.

VO > That's less than a second. Less than a second.

VO > Almost killed somebody, but you’re top of the leaderboard.

VO > Almost killed a couple the cameraman, a couple of kids, Michael Pena, you feeling hurt?

OC > All right, good, bad, bad. I mean, pitching Achilles, just in case you thought it wasn't going straight for Michael. Listen, I know he's behind me. He's one of the few dudes I know that could beat me. So I try to. I try to hit the ball .95. Okay. This is what I do.

OC > Alfonso Ribeiro is a front man for a network television show and PGA Tour champions. And so I want to start with just what the tour means to you being out there as a representative.

OC > You know, it's kind of amazing because obviously, as a fan of golf, not a guy who ever played any professional golf to actually be a global ambassador for the PGA Tour champions is absolutely amazing, right? They came to me. They asked me whether I would be willing to do some of the videos for them, voice overs. And so I started doing that. And then eventually it turned right into the commercials and then becoming a global ambassador for them. And I mean, I just love what this tour represents for golf, right? It's when you play the game of golf, you want to be able to play it for your entire life. This tour shows you that and shows you that you can actually do it well into your later years. And you know what they do so well that I really you know appreciate is you know, today's a pro-am day the way they handle the amateurs in the proms making them feel special. I remember playing in one and Mark O’Meara with him amazing awesome dude. Three days later, I get a handwritten note in the mail right from him saying Thank you for being great and being at. And then I found out that he did it to several players, right? To several guys that were out there playing that day. And the fact that they take such great care of the people that want to come, it's a wonderful experience to be able to play with them in the programs. But seeing the incredible game.

OC > To put a finer point on this, you were a child actor. Yes. But then you transitioned into being a young actor teenage and into your early twenties and now currently. So you can understand the pivot that these players do throughout a career.

OC > Oh, yeah.

OC > Same path.

OC > Absolutely.

OC> But different profession.

OC > Right. Very different. Right. As a as a child actor, you know, you're just trying to get a job. I mean, most of the time you're just trying to get a job. But once you do, you know, get somewhat successful, right? And you got your career working and you're moving positively in a direction, it's like, well, I can't keep doing that same thing and need to kind of go over here, right? You know, playing on, you know, my character on Fresh Prince, it was I'm real silly, young boy now. I'm 50 years old. I got to I can't do that forever. Right? And so I recognized that I needed to become me, become Alfonso Ribeiro, not that character and host, rather than continue acting. Right? And these guys, you know, they were the best the game had ever seen. But then at some point, there's a young kid who came behind you that's moving the game further. And but but to have a place to go and be able to play and still be able to compete, still being able to challenge yourself against the guys that you did 20, 30 years ago, there's nothing better than that.

OC > Yeah, we love the evolution that's always there in your profession and this one as well. So Alfonso, if if someone asked you and you're just on your travels, what's PGA Tour champions all about it? How would you describe just being around it, advancing, being around the guys? Well, the tour itself sort of just the whole vibe of the tour.

OC > Well, you know, I always like to look at it as a the Tuesday through Thursday and then the Friday through Sunday. Right. Tuesday through Thursday. That's hospitality. Right? That is taking care of people, making people feel special, making people feel like they're wanted to be on that golf course with these legends. And then you get Friday to Sunday and these guys are as ruthless as they were 25, 30 years ago, and they want to kick each other's butt and they're doing it and and it's a and it's a good battle and it's still that fierce competition. You take someone like Bernhard Langer. I mean, here's a guy age just doesn't seem to affect him. He still has that same drive, that same work ethic, that same love of the game and the same desire to beat the rest of the guys that are out here. It's always fun when you see some of the new guys that the rookies out here that come from the PGA Tour and they're all like, you know, I can't wait to go out there. It's going to be easy checks and it slow your roll, buddy.

OC > Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

OC > Slow your roll. It ain't going to be so easy. These guys are still bringing it.

OC > Rude awakening.

OC > Yes. Yes. And every one of them has felt that.

OC> Bernhard

OC > Yes they know that.

OC > Yes.

OC > Thank you so much, for all the work you do. Always Thank you, man.

OC > I appreciate you. Thank you.

VO > The regular season is winding down. Just five events left and then it's playoff time. So great that Saint Louis and the Ascension Charity Classic back in the mix, beautiful Sioux Falls for the Sanford International. Then closing September with one of the most beautiful places on earth for the Pure Insurance Championship. And October will bring us Furyk and Friends and the SAS championship.

VO > Fall is fast approaching and so is another exciting run to the Charles Schwab Cup Championship. And that will do it for this week's show. Until next time. I'm Vince Cellini, and this has been PGA TOUR Champions Learning Center.