**PGA Tour Champions Learning Center Show 21**

VO > PGA Tour Champions Learning Center. Steve Stricker was in rally mode Sunday at the Sanford International. The 2018 champion here in Sioux Falls started the day two shots back, but fashioned a bogey free round of 64, then held off Robert Karlsson in a playoff to deny the tall Swede his first PGA Tour champions win. Stricker moves into double digit wins on this tour and made it 12 career rounds under par at this event. George Savaricas and John Cook have the highlights, including this week's winning moment.

VO >Thanks Vince. What a final round we had at the Sanford International George Savaricas with John Cook. It all started for Steve Stricker. Par 3 6th 153 yards playing today. Front left, hole location. You can use a little bit of a slope right there to keep the ball in the golf hole. And there it was. Beautiful shot there for Strick. Stricker would birdie to move to to nine under. We’re going to zoom from the front nine to the back, nine his second to the par 4 15th this from the rough. Seemingly out of position drew it around that tree just perfectly right and the tap in range. So Stricker with birdie 213 under that's where Robert Carlson was at 13 under playing the 17th birdie the 16th of the two putt had to answer at the 17th and what a pearl he hits in there underneath the hole and so many better than that on Sunday to the 17th he would birdie getting a 14 under. We had a playoff between Robert Karlsson and Steve Stricker. First playoff hole Stricker for birdie and the win in regulation and he learned from it buries it. Stricker winning the Sanford International for the second time first two time winner in tournament history he won the debut of this event back in 2018. And more importantly, Stricker now, with three wins this season on the PGA Tour champions, he is tied for the lead. There are four other players who also have three wins, STRICKER Up to third in those all important Schwab Cup standings. And now he's heading to Charlotte next weekend as a sixth as an assistant captain for the Presidents Cup. Let's send it back to Vince.

VO > Thank you, gentlemen. Look at the Schwab Cup standings. Now, Padraig Harrington's T11 has him inching closer to leader Steven Alker. Stricker moves up a spot to third, replacing his pal Jerry Kelly. Miguel Angel Jimenez is five more with Harrington now showing us the tools of his trade.

OC > Okay, so what's in the bag? And you'll find this is my pocket in the bag. My watch a nice wrestling watch, set an Irish time and Tour badge wallet. It's short in cash today. I don't know. I think I need new wallet. Two phones? Yes. Second phone here. I'd say an Irish and American phone. So, yeah, it's not what you think. Okay, folks. And contact lens case, case for the watch. Not much else in there. Eh put all that back in . And as you can see, I need one big pocket for all my rubbish. I really should be going into the case. So anything else in the bag. down the compartment here? This side of the bag is never used because Ronan carries on on the on his hip so we put nothing in there. Again, some more sharpies. A clip for making the for making the mark. All bet that’s probably an interesting thing I it's quite interesting. So yeah, I have a lot of dots on my golf ball and then I put a cross on my ball. So a black line, green line and that cross I that a black lines to the target, the green line lines to face. So it's not just one mark, it's two marks. And believe it or not, given away trade secrets here I see those two different lines differently based on the color. So if I use two black lines, it doesn't look the same as if you use a green line.. For me, the green line stands out best for lining the middle. Head cover I suppose. Yeah. This is the you guys call it a ladybug. We call it Lady Bird. So when I won the Open in 2007, the first of my three majors, my three and a half year old son, came on to green at the presentation. After the presentation, and when he first touched the trophy, put his hand on the trophy and he said, Dad, can we put ladybirds in it? Because the week before we'd been collecting bugs in the garden and putting them in Tupperware. So he saw the Claret Jug and just thought that was another piece of Tupperware. So he had that. We have that head cover on the bag. He forgets to make sure I have a supply. And yeah, he reminds me of some very nice happy days and they're all good days. But those were particularly good.

VO > This week, all eyes will be on Charlotte, North Carolina, for the Presidents Cup. When we return, you'll hear from Captain Davis Love the third, who explains why last week in South Dakota could help the U.S. team. This week.

VO > Quail Hollow is a distinctive golf course in Charlotte, North Carolina, and will add spirit and adventure to this week's Presidents Cup. Given its unique finishing holes, also known as the Green Mile. But the journey started well before the scheduled play.

VO > Last week, Captain Davis left the third, and his assistants, Fred Couples and Steve Stricker, were all in the field in South Dakota. Love said he used the opportunity to play golf during the day and then work on pairings and discuss the game plan with his assistant captains in the evenings. Despite his team coming in as the favorites overcame, opponents will not be a problem.

OC> On paper, on all these team events, the U.S. is always the strongest team. They don't mean they always win. So we know that Trevor's team is going to be fired up. They've got some guys that are probably coming in with a chip on their shoulder and they feel like they're the underdog. So I'm going to have to pull to the Dean Smith, tell our team they're really the underdog and to watch out for the other guys and we are going to be on our toes because it is match play and anybody can win at any time.

VO > It's a trial by error situation at times. It's funny because two guys can be really good together as personalities go and their games go, but they may not pair well together. You know, they may not play well together.

OC> So sometimes you got to find that out and vice versa. Some guys you think that are on the other end of the spectrum from each other all of a sudden make a great team.

VO > It's one of those things you got to, you know, try. And we had the Ryder Cup and we have past Presidents Cup to look back at and test those out, test those theories out and just see if they worked or not. So we rely on a lot of those.

OC> And there will be some new ones too that they'll use that next year's Ryder Cup. So it's a it's a good process for us each and every year to kind of search those pairings out.

VO > Fred Couples is a three time U.S. Presidents Cup team captain who will serve as an assistant this year. The couple's first go round as the man in charge was in 2009 at Harding Park when his team defeated the internationals 19 and a half to 14 and a half. Before the competition begins, the captains have to select a player who will sit out during singles in case the opposing team has an injury. Well, in 09, couples stunned the American squad with his selection.

OC > 2009 Presidents Cup. And the captain first time captain we got Tiger was on the team. We got everybody on the team. So at the beginning of the week, in case of an injury, you put a name. And so I'm the only guy in the room with Norman. He puts a name and I put a name and we give him to the head official. Steve Carney So anyway, as the story goes, we go on and we go on and we go on. We went Sunday night and Steve Carman comes in and he has to give the envelope back to the captain. We're in the room hooting and hollering and he says, Pulls me aside and he says, I know what he's gonna say. Here's your envelope. I said, Why don't you open it up in front of everyone and read the name in there? And so he tears it open and he reasons Tiger Woods. The whole room went silent. So they thought I was such a clown that I put Tiger Woods in as the guy who wouldn't play on Sunday if case of an injury. So I didn't tell the story for two full years. So we somehow unhooked the envelope and I took the name out of there. It was someone who was a pick and I put Tiger's name in there and he texted me for weeks to you got the biggest balls of anyone I've ever seen. I went, You know what? Why not put your name in? I thought I'd stir things up. So that was for years. Then I finally told this story and I took a lot of heck for it. But for two years I had everyone thinking I put Tiger Woods name in the envelope.

VO > K.J. Choi is an assistant captain for the international team, which will be captained by Trevor Immelman with the Presidents Cup being held this week, Choi will miss the opportunity to defend his title at this week's Pure Insurance Championship. The former powerlifter, however, hoisted his fans by offering this message.

OC> I'm very sorry. This year I cannot play because I'm vice captain and Presidents Cup. So this year in the same schedule, I'm a younger player. It made last year very enjoyable, beautiful area. So a dream come true and that would be so. I did it, but I miss him this year. We see as soon as possible. See you next year.

VO > K.J. Choi is a favorite for fans, both American and international, and has long been. What this means is a new player will win this week at one of the most breathtaking golf courses in the world, Pebble Beach Golf Links, site of the Pure Insurance Championship. But this event has a twist. Junior golfers from first tee chapters have been selected to compete alongside the professionals.

VO > Let's flash back to February and the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, where one of the most memorable shots of the week was turned in by Jordan Spieth. It was his second cliffside in the par four eighth. He would go on to make an incredible par. Well, four time PGA Tour champions winner Rocco Mediate scouted the eighth hole for us and explains how to play that second shot in a more traditional way.

VO > Second shot on eight at Pebble Beach, one of the prettiest in the sport. It's like seven was one of the awesome shots to.

OC> But now new Green by Brando. It looks fantastic, but it's downhill only down two yards. Looks like it's way downhill. But this green, you got to keep it underneath the hole because it's so I got 172 yards, I got seven and I only want to fly it 65, 66. So I am going to put it in the air and just kind of let it fall down there, it should have a little draw spin to it take everything off, I’ll hold it off touch, see if I can't get it to drop in there pretty. And their last part let's see what she does is gets to drive should take a little right. Yeah now it's it's perfect it's pin high. So, if you're pin high or below this tee this is such a cool shot. There's no wind tonight so eight at Pebble second shot. Unreal. See you.

VO > Still to come on, learning center making an impact. One PGA Tour champions player is doing just that using golf as his platform.

VO > The first Ronald McDonald House opened in 1974 in Philadelphia. But now the organization is worldwide. Their mission is to provide families with a home away from home while their children receive treatment at a hospital nearby, Dickie Pride has helped raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeast Ohio for over 20 years.

VO > Last year alone, we served over 22,000 families.

OC > When I'm here and I walk the halls, the Ronald McDonald House, and you see the families and you see the children and you see them fighting for what it means the most to all of us. And to know that I've had a little part in helping them with their fight, that The Tour has provided me an opportunity to give back and we can do things to help people in need. It's a very special feeling. If you have a child that needs help, they do what's necessary to get you here, house you, feed you. Take, for instance, the Brown family.

OC > We're the Browns. I'm Jesse, Lisa, Wyatt and Evelin.
VO > And I'm a state trooper.

VO > And I'm a high school math teacher. What brought us to the Ronald McDonald House was our son Wyatt, whose four was diagnosed with bone marrow failure.

VO > How we came to find out something was going on with Wyatt was he's always rambunctious kid, always climbing trees, jumping off everything. So he always has some bruises. But they're the 1st of August there was a lot more than normal.

OC> And so we were kind of like, this is a little weird. But we also knew he was like a rough and tumble kid. He was coming up twice a week, getting blood and platelet transfusions and two IVs a week there for a while. But he was such a champ, he got to the point where he wasn't even crying anymore.

OC > wo weeks after the diagnosis, we found out that little sister Evelyn was a perfect match, and so she was going to get to be a bone marrow donor. So she's our little hero, is what we call her.

OC > You know, as a parent, picture that you're going to be the one that's going to be in a situation you be staying at the.

OC > Yeah. And you never truly can fathom what you do for families until you're in that position. I did not realize that they were going to become our home away from home and they were going to become our family away from our family. You just you don't know those things, you know? You know that they're here to help out, but you don't know what they truly do and how big their hearts truly are.

OC > It's been hard with COVID because in a time like this, you really want the comfort of your family and friends and that hasn't really been a thing. But the staff has kind of stepped in and become our family and friends. Like I said, this is not the path we wanted for our child, but God has literally laid everything in place for us and it it just blows us away because we really cannot complain.

OC > When you go through something like this, you don't realize how much people care, even just towards estimates of people doing this, they're never going to know what this meant. Each family was here. They're not going to know the families that came through here, but just that they had a heart.

VO > In the fact that they have a heart and want to help families like ours. It's so meaningful because if we couldn't have been together during this experience, I don't know how we would have done it. And if we didn't have like the health and the support of the staff and a space to be, how would we have done it? So for the people that do donate and the people that truly care about the Ronald McDonald House, I don't think they'll ever fully understand how much it all means to have this space at all, because this has been definitely the hardest part of our lives. But to know that we have this to fall back on has been such a blessing.

VO > I'm very thankful for the opportunities that I've been given to be able to give back

OC > Because I've been in the hospital with my kids and I know how much it means to have the help. When you're trying to help, the one that means the most to you.

VO > DickiePride is another example of one of many PGA Tour champions members giving back and helping others as he goes far, far beyond the course. And that will do it for this week's PGA Tour Champions Learning Center. I’m Vince Cellini. As always, we thank you for watching and we'll see you next week.