BLOCK 1:

TEASE:

**TODAY ON ESTO ES PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA…**

**WE CATCH UP WITH TWO ALUMS WHO ARE PGA TOUR ROOKIES THIS SEASON: COLOMBIA’S NICOLÁS ECHAVARRÍA AND ARGENTINA’S TANO GOYA.**

Nicolas Echavarría Bite: El PGA TOUR Latinoamérica me vio crecer, en solo dos años que estuve ahí crecí mucho, como persona, como jugador.

PGA TOUR Latinoamérica saw me grow. In just two years that I was there, I grew a lot, as a person, and as a player.

**WE WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE SCHEDULE FOR THE 2022-23 PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA SEASON, WHICH IS ALL-SET TO BEGIN ON DECEMBER 1ST.**

**IN GOLF 101, MEXICO’S JUAN DIEGO FERNÁNDEZ WILL PROVIDE US WITH ADVICE TO IMPROVE OUR PUTTING…**

**A NEW EPISODE OF ESTO ES PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA HAS ARRIVED.**

TITLE:

**ESTO ES PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA!**

CALENDARIO:

**PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA HAS ANNOUNCED ITS 2022-23 SCHEDULE, A 12-TOURNAMENT SLATE THAT WILL TAKE PLAYERS TO SEVEN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, WITH THREE TOURNAMENTS IN 2022 AND THE REMAINDER PLAYED BETWEEN MARCH AND JULY 2023. THE RACE FOR THE TOTALPLAY CUP WILL LEAD THE TOP PLAYERS TO THE KORN FERRY TOUR IN 2024. [307]**

**THE SEASON BEGINS ON DECEMBER 1ST WITH THE 116TH PLAYING OF THE VISA OPEN DE ARGENTINA PRESENTED BY MACRO. THE TOURNAMENT WILL RETURN TO NORDELTA GOLF CLUB, WHERE ARGENTINA’S OWN JORGE FERNÁNDEZ VALDÉS WILL BE DEFENDING THE TITLE. NOT ONLY WILL THE WINNER TAKE AN EARLY ADVANTAGE IN THE TOTALPLAY CUP RACE, BUT HE WILL ALSO BE INVITED BY THE R&A TO PLAY IN THE 2023 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP AT ROYAL LIVERPOOL IN ENGLAND. [414]**

**THE FOLLOWING WEEK, THE TOUR WILL STAY IN ARGENTINA, TRAVELING 900 MILES FURTHER DOWN TO SAN MARTIN DE LOS ANDES, IN THE HEART OF THE ARGENTINEAN PATAGONIA. IN A STUNNING NATURAL SETTING, SURROUNDED BY THE ANDES’ SNOWY PEAKS, PRISTINE RIVERS AND LAKES, PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA WILL PLAY THE 2022 NEUQUÉN ARGENTINA CLASSIC AT CHAPELCO GOLF CLUB. THE 7,163-YARD PAR-72 CO-DESIGNED BY JACK NICKLAUS AND JACK NICKLAUS II, HAS BUILT A REPUTATION AS ONE OF THE TOP COURSES IN SOUTH AMERICA. [484]**

**MAKING IT THREE TOURNAMENTS IN AS MANY WEEKS, THE 2022 PORTION OF THE SCHEDULE ENDS IN SANTIAGO, CHILE, FOR THE SCOTIA WEALTH MANAGEMENT CHILE OPEN PRESENTED BY VOLVO.**

**TO BE PLAYED AT HACIENDA CHICUREO, THE EVENT THAT FIRST JOINED THE TOUR IN 2013 HAS BEEN WON BY PLAYERS SUCH AS JARED WOLFE, JORGE FERNÁNDEZ VALDÉS AND THE LATEST PGA TOUR CANADA PLAYER OF THE YEAR WIL BATEMAN. [378]**

**HALFWAY THROUGH MARCH, THE TOUR RESUMES PLAY WITH BACK-TO-BACK EVENTS IN ARGENTINA, STARTING WITH THE TERMAS DE RIO HONDO INVITATIONAL IN SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO. THE ARGENTINE PORTION OF THE SCHEDULE MAKES UP THE ZURICH ARGENTINA SWING, A COMPETITION THAT REWARDS THE PLAYER WITH THE BEST PERFORMANCES AND MOST POINTS ACCUMULATED IN ARGENTINA.**

**MAKING IT ANOTHER SET OF THREE CONSECUTIVE TOURNAMENTS, THE TOUR THEN TRAVELS TO BRAZIL FOR THE JHSF BRAZIL OPEN AT FAZENDA BOA VISTA, WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF PORTO FELIZ, OUTSIDE SAO PAULO. [539]**

**AT THE END OF APRIL, THE TOUR IS HEADED TO LIMA, PERU FOR THE DINERS CLUB PERU OPEN AT LOS INKAS GOLF CLUB. THIS CLUB WILL BE WELCOMING PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA FOR THE TENTH TIME, A RECORD ON TOUR.**

**THE VISIT TO PERU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE QUITO OPEN IN ECUADOR. AT 9,350 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL, THE QUITO EVENT HOLDS THE DISTINCTION AS THE TOURNAMENT PLAYED AT THE HIGHEST ELEVATION OF ANY PGA TOUR-AFFILIATED TOUR TOURNAMENT. PAST WINNERS INCLUDE CURRENT PGA TOUR ROOKIE AUGUSTO NÚÑEZ. [484]**

**AT THE END OF MAY, COLOMBIA WILL ONCE AGAIN HOST BACK-TO-BACK TOURNAMENTS WITH THE COLOMBIA CLASSIC IN BUCARAMANGA AND THE EL RINCON CHAMPIONSHIP IN BOGOTA.**

**THE 2022-23 SEASON FINISHES WITH CONSECUTIVE TOURNAMENTS IN MEXICO AT THE END OF JUNE. AS THE LAST FULL-FIELD EVENT ON THE SCHEDULE, THE JALISCO OPEN GUADALAJARA AT ATLAS COUNTRY CLUB WILL DETERMINE THE TOTALPLAY CUP TOP 60 PLAYERS WHO WILL GAIN ACCESS TO THE SEASON-ENDING EVENT.**

**THIS PAST SEASON, THE TOURNAMENT WAS WON BY MEXICO’S JOSÉ DE JESÚS RODRÍGUEZ, WHO SET A PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA RECORD WITH FIVE CAREER VICTORIES.**

**THE RACE FOR THE TOTALPLAY CUP, THE SEASON-LONG COMPETITION THAT PROVIDES THE LEADING PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA PLAYERS ACCESS TO THE KORN FERRY TOUR, WILL COME TO AN END ON THE WEEK OF JUNE 26 WITH THE PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP IN QUINTANA ROO, MEXICO.**

SOCIAL MINUTE

**BEFORE WE TAKE A BREAK, LET’S SCROLL ACROSS THE SOCIAL MEDIA WORLD FOR THE LATEST FROM OUR PLAYERS. CROWNED 2020-21 PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA PLAYER OF THE YEAR, BRANDON MATTHEWS RECENTLY MARRIED HIS COLLEGE SWEETHEART DANIELLE.**

<https://www.instagram.com/brandonmatthewsgolf/>

**COMING OFF AN 18TH PLACE ON THE TOTALPLAY CUP STANDINGS, 23-YEAR-OLD ISIDRO BENÍTEZ DEFEATED VETERAN CAMARÓN RODRÍGUEZ IN A MEXICAN TOUR EVENT CO-SANCTIONED BY OUR DEV SERIES IN LEÓN. [196]**

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

**TWO OF OUR TOP-3 PLAYERS THIS PAST SEASON HAD A SOLID WEEK AT THE SOUTH AMERICAN GAMES IN PARAGUAY, WITH JORGE FERNANDEZ VALDES CLAIMING THE GOLD MEDAL AND CRISTOBAL DEL SOLAR PICKING UP THE BRONZE MEDAL.**

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CjeFSaaABB0/>

BUMP #1:

**AFTER THE BREAK…**

**WE’LL TALK WITH ARGENTINA’S TANO GOYA, WHO ACHIEVED HIS LIFELONG DREAM OF BECOMING A PGA TOUR PLAYER AFTER 15 YEARS AS A PRO.**

Tano Goya Bite: Pegas un tiro bueno, la gente grita cosas buenas, te grita cosas positivas y también te ayuda a alimentarte un poco de eso.

You hit a good shot, people react well, they yell positive things at you, and it also helps you feed off that a little bit.

**WE WILL ALSO HAVE A PUTTING LESSON FROM MEXICO’S JUAN DIEGO FERNÁNDEZ.**

**ESTO ES PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA WE’LL BE RIGHT BACK!**

BLOCK 2:

Title:

**ESTO ES PGA TOUR LATINOAMERICA!**

Tano Goya:

**AT THE AGE OF 34, TANO GOYA FULFILLED A LIFELONG DREAM BY BECOMING A PGA TOUR PLAYER... IT’S BEEN A LONG AND TOUGH ROAD BUT JOINING GOLF’S ELITE HAS BEEN REWARDING.**

Tano Goya Bite: La logre gracias al PGA TOUR Latinoamérica, y luego todo lo demás fue un poco de historia, ¿no? Pero desde el año pasado, habiendo quedado entre los 15 y a este año ya agarrado mi tarjeta creo que es un sueño.

I achieved this thanks to PGA TOUR Latinoamérica, and then everything else is a bit of history, right? I finished inside the top 15 (in Latin America) last year, and then this year I earned my card. I think it's a dream.

**HAVING ALREADY SECURED HIS KORN FERRY TOUR CARD AT Q-SCHOOL, GOYA MADE HIS LAST PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA START A YEAR AGO AT THE ARGENTINE OPEN, AN EVENT HE WENT ON TO FINISH INSIDE THE TOP-5. [191]**

Tano Goya Bite: Ya fuí con un objetivo, creo que este año el Abierto, si bien como que había logrado el objetivo de estar en el Korn Ferry Tour, fue con ganas realmente de jugar bien, de querer ganarlo, de querer ganarme ese lugar The Open. Si bien no llegué al objetivo que tenía, ganarlo, creo que el 4º puesto fue un reflejo también del buen trabajo que habíamos hecho, también en preparación hacia ese torneo, ¿no?

I had this clear goal heading into the (Argentina) Open. I got there having already accomplished my goal of making it to the Korn Ferry Tour. I really wanted to play well, I wanted to win, and I wanted to claim The Open Championship spot. Although I didn't reach that goal, I think that my fourth-place finish showed how well I had been working and playing up to that point.

**A NATIVE OF ALTA GRACIA, IN CORDOBA, ARGENTINA, GOYA WENT THROUGH A LOT ON HIS PATH TO THE PGA TOUR. THERE WERE SOME TOUGH MOMENTS AND AT SOME POINT, HE EVEN CONSIDERED GIVING UP ON HIS DREAM.**

Tano Goya Bite: Hace 15 años que soy profesional de golf, y quizás he vivido, he pasado por muchas cosas. Es más, dejé una vez de jugar durante unos cinco meses, empecé a trabajar en un gimnasio. Por ahí uno se cansa, y donde se cansa pierde un poco la perspectiva, pierde muchas cosas, pero sabía que tenía... tenía algo que me iba a hacer llegar o que tenía la experiencia, tenia la madurez. Creo que ya haber pasado por esas cosas que pasé también me ayudó mucho, a plantearme de dónde quería jugar al golf.

I've been a professional golfer for 15 years, and maybe I've lived, I've been through a lot. Well, I once stopped playing for about five months, and I started working at a gym. There are times when you get tired, and when you get tired you lose perspective a little, you lose a lot of things, but I knew I had... I had something that was going to get me there. I knew that I had the experience, I had the maturity. Having already gone through those things that I went through also helped me a lot, to consider where I wanted to play golf.

**AFTER SPENDING ELEVEN YEARS IN EUROPE, HE RETURNED HOME HOPING FOR A NEW BEGINNING AND STARTED PLAYING ON PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA WITH HIS SIGHTS SET ON MAKING IT ALL THE WAY TO THE PGA TOUR.**

Tano Goya Bite: De repente todo me llevó a Europa, pero siempre mi objetivo fue estar en el PGA TOUR. Y como que siempre estuve en Europa durante 12 años, ese sueño se iba yendo un poco. Pero cuando volví al PGA TOUR Latinoamérica y a decir bueno, ahora voy a empezar por este lado, ahora sí voy a ir por mi sueño.

Suddenly everything led me to Europe, but my goal had always been to be on the PGA TOUR. Since I stayed in Europe for 12 years, that dream was fading a bit. Anyway, when I made my return to the PGA TOUR Latinoamérica, I said to myself this is the path I’m going to take, now I’m going to go for my dream.

**THOUGH SPONSOR EXEMPTIONS AND SOLID PERFORMANCES, RECORDING THREE TOP TENS IN JUST SIX STARTS LATE ON THE 2018 SEASON, HE LOCKED UP HIS PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA CARD FOR 2019.**

Tano Goya Bite: El PGA TOUR Latinoamérica es un tour de desarrollo y creo que como tour de desarrollo está hecho de una forma para que no sea fácil. Pero a la larga también hace entrar realmente a las personas que quieren realmente estar ahí, o llegar, ¿entendes? Poder viajar y poder visitar distintas culturas, poder jugar esas canchas, jugar por una... por algo que es más alla del dinero, porque la realidad es que estás jugando por una posición en el Korn Ferry Tour.

PGA TOUR Latinoamérica is a development tour and I think that as a development tour it works in a way that’s not easy. But in the long run, it really attracts the players who really want to be there, or get there, you know? To be able to travel and to be able to visit different cultures, to be able to play those courses, to play for one... for something that is beyond money, because the reality is that you are playing for a spot on the Korn Ferry Tour.

**AFTER CLOSING THE 2020-21 SEASON RANKED 16TH ON PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA, HE REACHED THE FINAL STAGE OF THE KORN FERRY TOUR Q-SCHOOL, WHERE HE LOCKED UP HIS CARD BY FINISHING INSIDE THE TOP-40.**

Tano Goya Bite: Mi idea era entrar al Korn Ferry Tour, y obviamente dar lo mejor y estaba la posibilidad de entrar al PGA TOUR, pero bueno... En un momento se vio un poco difícil pero bueno, en las finales también me ayudaron muchísimo, así que poder estar acá de este lado, hablando con mi tarjeta del PGA TOUR es una alegría muy grande.

My idea was to join the Korn Ferry Tour, and obviously, try my best for a chance to make it to the PGA TOUR, but well... At one point things looked a bit difficult, but in the Finals everything worked out and that’s why I’m on this end taking as a PGA TOUR card holder. It’s a great joy!

**ON HIS FIRST KORN FERRY TOUR SEASON, A TIE FOR SIXTH AT THE VISIT KNOXVILLE OPEN, HIS BEST OF SEVEN TOP-25 FINISHES DURING THE REGULAR SEASON, WAS CRITICAL FOR HIM TO MAKE THE KORN FERRY TOUR FINALS, WHERE HE WOULD MAKE THE MOST OF HIS CHANCE.**

**IT ALL CAME DOWN TO THE KORN FERRY TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP, THE VERY LAST EVENT OF THE SEASON. A SOLID PERFORMANCE OF 17-UNDER LED HIM TO A TIE-FOR-FIFTH FINISH THAT SECURED HIM THE PGA TOUR CARD HE HAD DREAMED OF FOR A VERY LONG TIME. [473]**

Tano Goya Bite: Creo que toda la experiencia que tuve en el Korn Ferry Tour, y ahora este año, las nuevas experiencias que voy teniendo y obviamente empezando a ver un poco los campos y la forma en que se juegan un poco distinto, pero creo que tengo juego para poder competir con los mejores, para poder ganar. Pero bueno, para eso tengo que seguir trabajando de la forma que venimos haciéndolo, agarrando la experiencia que vengo agarrando, y confiar en que el juego está.

I think all the experience that I earned on the Korn Ferry Tour, and now this year, the new experiences that I'm having and obviously starting to see the courses a little bit and the way they play, which is a little bit different, but I think I have the game to be able to compete with the best, to be able to win. In order to do that I have to keep working the way we've been doing it, grasping the experience that I've been grasping, and trusting that the game is there.

**THE LAST 12 MONTHS PROVIDED A SIGNIFICANT CHANCE FOR GOYA, WHO IS JUST TRYING TO LET EVERYTHING SINK IN. HE IS TRYING TO KEEP THINGS SIMPLE, STILL LIVING NEAR THE TPC SAWGRASS IN JACKSONVILLE, ONLY A FEW MINUTES AWAY FROM THE BEACH.**

Tano Goya Bite: Demasiados cambios hubo últimamente como para seguir agregando, o sea que voy a seguir acá. La verdad que estoy muy contento en Jacksonville. El TPC es un lugar muy bueno para entrenar, para estar.

There have been too many changes lately, so I want to remain as stable as possible in order to continue here. I’m really happy here in Jacksonville. The TPC (Sawgrass) is a great place to practice.

**A EUROPEAN TOUR WINNER AS A ROOKIE BACK IN 2009, WITH CONFIDENCE AND DISCIPLINE GOYA HOPES TO REPLICATE THAT KIND OF SUCCESS AS A 34-YEAR-OLD PGA TOUR ROOKIE DURING THE COURSE OF THIS 2022-23 SEASON.**

GOLF 101:

**DURING HIS 11-YEAR CAREER AS A PRO, WHICH INCLUDES 43 STARTS ON PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA, JUAN DIEGO FERNÁNDEZ HAS SPLIT HIS TIME BETWEEN PLAYING AND COACHING IN MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES.**

**TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HIS KNOWLEDGE, WE ASKED THE 32-YEAR-OLD TO PROVIDE US SOME VALUABLE PUTTING ADVICE AS OUR GUEST IN A NEW INSTALLMENT OF GOLF 101. [339]**

Juan Diego Fernández bite: Hoy en Golf 101 vamos a dar tres tips para mejorar el putt. El primero de ellos va a ser la postura. Cómo entrar en una buena postura. En mi opinión, la postura tiene que ser lo más alta posible sin estar forzada.

Today in Golf 101, I’m going to give you three tips to improve your putting. The first one is going to be posture. How to get into a good posture. In my opinion, your posture has to be as high as possible without being forced.

Entonces a mi me gusta sentir de una posición parado totalmente, redondeadas los hombros, como que los relajas, haces un hinge en la cintura, pero te da una posición de cintura neutra. Esto es muy malo en el putt. ¿Ven como la espalda entra en extensión? Entonces hay que tener espalda bien redondita y plana. Y esto nos va a dar la habilidad de mover nuestros hombros sin que se mueva la cintura. Haciendo eso es muy fácil controlar el movimiento del putter.

So, what I like to feel from a fully standing position, rounded shoulders, as if you relax them, you make a hinge at the waist, but it gives you a neutral waist position. This is very bad on the putt. See how the back goes into extension? So, you have to have a very round and flat back. And this is going to give us the ability to move our shoulders without moving our waist. When you do this, it is very easy to control the movement of the putter.

El segundo tip a mi me gusta poner una línea en mi bola. La forma en que yo uso la línea es, me imagino en qué parte del hoyo va a entrar la pelota usando el reloj. Las seis siendo un putt recto, 12 atrás, obviamente. Y si es de derecha a izquierda, pues obviamente va a entrar entre seis y tres y de izquierda a derecha entre seis y nueve. Entonces a mi me gusta imaginar por dónde va a entrar y empiezo a trazar una línea imaginaria del camino que va a llevar mi bola desde el hoyo a la marca, y trato de apuntar esta raya como a una yarda enfrente de mí, sobre esa línea. Entonces se vuelve, se vuelve un proceso muy fácil, porque ya no estoy tratando de apuntar a algo lejos, es algo cerca. Y de aquí simplemente entro, confió en lo que ví, volteo a ver por dónde quiero entrar y tiro el putt.

For my second tip, I like to draw a line on my ball. The way I use the line is, I figure out where the ball is going to go into the hole using the clock. 6 o’clock is a straight putt, 12 o’clock is back obviously. And if it's from right to left, then obviously it's going to enter between 6 and 3 and from left to right between 6 and 9.

I like to imagine where it is going to go in and I start to draw an imaginary line of the path that my ball is going to take from the hole to the mark, and I try to point this line about a yard in front of me, on that line. So, it becomes a very easy process, because I'm no longer trying to point at something that’s far away, it's something close. And from here I just go in, trust what I saw, turn to see where I want to go in, and I putt it.

Y la tercera cosa que vamos a hablar hoy va a ser la velocidad de los putts. No sé si se dieron cuenta esos dos putts que acabo de pegar fueron muy malos por la velocidad que llevaban. Tiger Woods, que es el mejor estadísticamente desde ocho pies, mete 52% en su carrera. Entonces ocho pies son un poquito más de dos metros, y afuera de esos ocho pies nuestro objetivo, en realidad, es hacer dos putts. Y en mi opinión, la forma más fácil de hacer eso es tratando de dejar la pelota una pulgada corta del hoyo. Entonces. ¿Qué me va a hacer eso? Me va a eliminar ese golpe fuerte que me va a costar golpes eventualmente, porque me pasé mucho. Entonces mi objetivo es dejarla corta en la línea una pulgada. Y se van a dar cuenta que más veces de dejarla corta la van a meter.

The third thing that we are going to discuss today is putting speed. I don't know if you realized, but those two putts that I just hit were very bad because of their speed. Tiger Woods, who is statistically the best within eight feet, makes 52% of them for his career. So, eight feet is a little over two meters, and outside of eight feet, our goal is to make two putts. In my opinion, the easiest way to do that is to try to get the ball an inch short of the hole. Then, what is it going to do to me? It’s going to eliminate that strong hit that is going to cost me strokes eventually because I hit it too hard. So, my goal is to leave it one inch short on the line. Then, you are going to realize that most of the time, instead of leaving it short, you are going to hole it.

Okay. Entonces en este, voy a tratar de hacer las tres cosas que acabo de decir. Buena postura usando la línea y tratando de dejar la corta, a ver qué pasa. Espero que estos tips les hayan servido y nos vemos en la siguiente edición de Golf 101.

OK. So, on this one, I'm going to try to do all three things that I just said. Good posture using the line, trying to leave it short and see what happens. I hope these tips are useful for you. See you next time on Golf 101.

BUMP #2:

**DON’T GO AWAY…**

**AFTER THE BREAK, TWO-TIME PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA WINNER NICOLÁS ECHAVARRÍA SITS DOWN TO DISCUSS HIS FIRST FEW WEEKS AS A PGA TOUR MEMBER.**

Nicolas Echavarría Bite: PGA TOUR Latinoamérica lo que te da es que te enseña, a viajar, te enseña a conocer, te enseña a probar cosas diferentes. Yo estoy muy agradecido con el PGA TOUR Latinoamérica.

PGA TOUR Latinoamérica is a huge learning experience. It teaches you to travel and try different things. I am very grateful to PGA TOUR Latinoamérica.

**ESTO ES PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA WILL BE RIGHT BACK!**

BLOCK 3:

Title:

**ESTO ES PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA!**

Nicolas Echavarría:

**AFTER THREE FULL SEASONS ON THE KORN FERRY TOUR, PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA ALUM NICO ECHAVARRÍA HAS MADE A BIG MOVE AND IS NOW LEARNING HOW TO ADJUST TO HIS LIFE AS A PGA TOUR PLAYER. [183]**

Nicolas Echavarría Bite: Fue un cambio grande. No diría que es un golf diferente porque el golf es el mismo, pero los campos fueron un poquito más difíciles. Aprender a jugarlos correctamente, y... Yo creo que es un poquito de paciencia, se va aprendiendo como estar cómodo en ese ambiente, es diferente, y es normal que el proceso no sea inmediato, el estar cómodo ahí. Mi golf se va a ir adaptando a este nuevo circuito y tengo muchas ganas de empezar a jugar como sé que lo puedo hacer.

It was a big change. I wouldn't say it's a different kind of golf because golf is the same, but the courses are a little more difficult. You need to learn how to play them correctly, and... I think it takes a little patience, to learn how to be comfortable in this environment, it's different, and it's normal that it takes time to get comfortable here. My golf is going to adapt to the new demands of this Tour and I really looking forward to playing as well as I know I can.

**BEHIND EDUARDO HERRERA, CAMILO VILLEGAS AND SEBASTIÁN MUÑOZ, ECHAVARRÍA IS NOW THE FOURTH COLOMBIAN PLAYER WHO HAS MADE IT TO THE PGA TOUR… A NATIVE OF MEDELLIN, HE CAN’T WAIT TO WRITE HIS OWN STORY AMONG THE WORLD’S BEST PLAYERS. [231]**

Nicolas Echavarría Bite: Para que alguién de Medellín llegue al PGA TOUR se tienen que dar muchísimas cosas. Creo que el ambiente en el que crecí de tener dos hermanos golfistas y haciendo exactamente lo que hacían ellos, pero intentando hacerlo mejor, fue la receta perfecta. Tenía un grupo de amigos que les gustaba mucho el golf, con los cuales competía mucho y se fueron dando las cosas, fui a una universidad súper buena para mi. Aprendí mucho de golf, de estar solo, de cómo viajar, cómo iba a hacer los viajes cuando me volviera profesional. Llego al PGA TOUR Latinoamérica y tengo un arranque como todo el mundo quisiera arrancar, con la oportunidad de ganar un torneo. No se me da, pero ya me deja algo de comodín para todo el año, y en el 2018 se dan las cosas. Juego una segunda parte del año increíble. Desafortunadamente otra vez me quedo segundo.

For someone from Medellín to make it to the PGA TOUR, a lot of things need to happen. I think the environment I grew up, with two brothers playing golf, following in their footsteps but trying to do better, was the perfect recipe. I had a group of friends who really liked golf, with whom I competed a lot and things started to happen. Then, I went to a great university for me. I learned a lot about golf, being alone and traveling, learning how the travel would work when I turned professional. I made it to PGA TOUR Latinoamérica and I had an unbelievable start, having a chance to win in my very first tournament. I didn’t win, but such an event gave me a lot of cushion for the rest of the year, and in 2018 things worked out nicely. I played an incredible second half of the year, but unfortunately, I came in second place again.

**ECHAVARRIA IS TALKING ABOUT HIS SECOND-PLACE FINISH ON THE PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA ORDER OF MERIT IN 2018. AFTER TWO WINS IN MEXICO AND BRAZIL HE SEEMED UNSTOPPABLE ATOP THE STANDINGS, BUT HE LOST HIS PACE LATE, DROPPING THE ORDER OF MERIT TITLE TO HARRY HIGGS BY ONLY $64 ON THE VERY LAST DAY OF THE SEASON. IT WAS A TOUGH PILL TO SWALLOW FOR THE YOUNG COLOMBIAN, BUT HE FOUND THE STRENGTH TO BOUNCE BACK. [406]**

Nicolas Echavarría Bite: Uno cuando sabe que esto va a ser su carrera, tienen que tener claro que hay más pérdidas que victorias. No voy a decir que a mí no me dio duro un momento porque la verdad estuve muy mal cuando perdí la orden de mérito del PGA TOUR Latinoamérica. Hay que mirarlo con cabeza fría, como dije, saber que uno si hizo cosas buenas para estar en esa situación e intentar sacar lo positivo a algo muy negativo diría.

When you choose this as your career, you have to be clear that there are more losses than victories. I'm not going to say that it wasn’t tough, because it hit me really hard when I lost the PGA TOUR Latinoamérica Order of Merit. You have to keep a cool head, and as I said, know that you did some good things to be in a certain situation and try to focus on the positives when there’s a negative outcome.

**AFTER TWO FULL SEASONS ON THE KORN FERRY TOUR, NICO TOOK HIS GAME TO ANOTHER LEVEL IN 2022. A CONSISTENT REGULAR SEASON IN WHICH HE RECORDED FIVE TOP-10S SECURED HIM A SPOT IN THE KORN FERRY TOUR FINALS FOR A CHANCE TO BATTLE FOR A PGA TOUR CARD. [247]**

Nicolas Echavarría Bite: Ya tenía asegurado los Playoff desde hace mucho tiempo. Desde casi el comienzo del año que ya había asegurado los Playoff, juego más o menos en Boise, tengo un mal fin de semana en Ohio, me quedo por uno, y en Indiana es el o todo o nada. O sea, no tenemos nada que perder y se dio. Hizo click. No hice mucho, no hice casi errores ese día porque falle uno o dos greens, y se termina haciendo seis menos errando un putt en el último hoyo para ver que al final del día si era importante por el estatus que hubiera quedado.

I had locked my playoff spot quite early. Right at the beginning of the year, I had already secured the Playoffs. I played so so in Boise and I then had a bad weekend in Ohio, I’m out by one, and at Indiana it was all or nothing. In other words, we had nothing to lose, and it happened. Things clicked. I didn’t do much, I made almost no mistakes that final day, missing only one or two greens. I ended up shooting 6-under, missing a putt on the last hole, which was critical at the end of the day because of the status that was up for grabs.

**IT ALL CAME DOWN TO THE KORN FERRY TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP, WHERE HE MADE THE MOST OF HIS CHANCES. A FINAL ROUND 66 MEANT A TOP-FIVE FINISH FOR A 2022-23 PGA TOUR CARD.**

Nicolas Echavarría Bite: I think my mom might be crying right now, so hopefully they enjoyed it. It was a great round of golf. I kept clean out there and I'm very happy with how I did and just not enough words for how excited I am right now.

Creo que mi madre debe estar llorando, así que espero que lo estén disfrutando. Fue una gran ronda de golf. Mantuve limpia mi tarjeta y estoy muy feliz por lo que hice. No hay suficientes palabras para expresar lo emocionado que estoy.

**WITH HIS LONG-TIME GIRLFRIEND CLAUDIA BY HIS SIDE, AND HIS CADDIE FABIAN, WHO HAS BEEN ON HIS BAG SINCE HIS PGA TOUR LATINOAMÉRICA DAYS, NICO FEELS QUITE COMFORTABLE. [166]**

Nicolas Echavarría Bite: E intento viajar con Claudia, con mi novia, con Fabián. Creo que es de las personas que más me conoce, conoce mi juego, conoce cómo me estoy sintiendo en cada momento. Somos un equipo, sabemos que podemos ganar juntos, no he cambiado mucho la forma de viajar al entrar al PGA TOUR.

I try to travel with Claudia, my girlfriend, and with Fabián. I think he is one who knows me best, knows my game, knows how I am feeling at all times. We are a team, we know we can win together, I haven't changed the way I travel much going into the PGA TOUR.

**THE MAIN GOAL AS A ROOKIE IS KEEPING HIS CARD. IN THE MEANTIME, HE IS TRYING HIS BEST TO ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE, THE ENVIRONMENT, AND EVERYTHING THAT INVOLVES BEING ON THE PGA TOUR.**

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**WITH OUR 2022-23 SEASON STARTING ON DECEMBER 1ST, WE WILL PREVIEW OUR FIRST THREE TOURNAMENTS IN ARGENTINA AND CHILE.**

**WE WILL ALSO CHECK OUR ALUMS PERFORMANCE AT FINAL STAGE OF THE KORN FERRY TOUR Q-SCHOOL.**

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