**PGA TOUR – THE CUT: THE AMERICAN EXPRESS**

**EPISODE 3 INTERNATIONAL MASTER SCRIPT**

**A1 – COLD OPEN**

ANNC: People travel from all over the world to enjoy this island oasis in the middle of the pacific.

KUALOA RANCH GUIDE: We’re going to be taking about two hours heading to our largest valley over there.

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: yeah this was part of Jurassic World I believe

ANNC: Every year, Oahu is ranked in the top travel destinations, just a magnificent place

KAITO ONISHI: Everyone’s good out here so just got to keep my game sharp and we’ll see how it goes.

ANNC: It’s hard not to get wrapped up in the beauty and serenity of Hawaii but these guys are here to compete for one thing -- a coveted PGA TOUR title.

**A2 – TITLES**

***WELCOME TO PGA TOUR: THE CUT.***

**A3 – HTA CONTENT: MONTGOMERY**

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: I mean, how can you not like a place like Hawaii?

**WHILE SOAKING UP THE SUN AT THE SONY OPEN IN HAWAII, PGA TOUR ROOKIE TAYLOR MONTGOMERY WENT OFF THE BEATEN PATH AND GOT HIS HANDS DIRTY AT KUALOA RANCH.**

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: This place is so special just because of the amount of work that they put in to keep this place going, but also how much the land gives back to them and how much they put into the land. It's quite an amazing piece of property.

TAYLOR KELLERMAN: you have your water, which is up here, you have your farm land which is down here. The only way these survive is through a really healthy ecology and ecosystem.

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: This land is very sacred to them. And it was really cool to see like the plants and how they grow crops to use for their families and food.

TAYLOR KELLERMAN: So what we’re going to do next is actually go into one of the areas with the seeping spring, and talk about how kalo is grown.

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: Well you can tell I definitely don’t tan my feet in Vegas

JOEY PALUPE: So I think what we’ll do is we’ll plant right in this area..

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: So how far deep would you say?

JOEY PALUPE: You want to go as far as you can.

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: It was really cool to plant that taro plant today and learn from Joey about how those plants work

JOEY PALUPE: Okay now grab some mud from outside that mound and fill the space.

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: He talked about how far back generations that plant came from, and it was just really cool to see that it's still here today and is still been feeding many, many homes here in Hawaii.

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: What kinds of dish do you prepare it with?

JOEY PALUPE: In our culture, we really emphasize making sure that we use everything that we have. So this plant we can eat from top to bottom will make different dishes with each part of it. But the main staple food is poi.

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY: I learned more information about things than I think I ever have. IT’S nice to have like an area where the land has been untouched for thousands of years. It's been a day that I'll never forget.

**A4 – GS TRANSITION**

**A5 – HTA CONTENT: POSTON**

J.T. POSTON: Today Kelly and I, my wife, we got to do a little electric bike tour through most of the ranch.

KUALOA RANCH GUIDE: We’re going to be taking about two hours into our largest valley over there, Ka’a’awa Valley, about 2,200 acres of the ranch

KELLY POSTON: That was really cool. This is my second time coming to Hawaii, and in the past we’ve done a lot of the beaches, we’ve gone down to the north shore. But today was totally different than that.

KUALOA RANCH GUIDE: It’s been in the one family for 7 generations. They take the private nature reserve very seriously. Not much in the way of development, no hotels, no resorts.”

J.T. POSTON: It’s been great to see and go through the Hollywood Row as they call it and see all of the movies that have been filmed here, and then turn right back around and give back and plant the tree and have it ready for the next group of people to come through.

KUALOA RANCH GUIDE: These have been raised from seed, propagated from some of the older Koa trees. Now theoretically, a Koa tree can last for all eternity.

KUALOA RANCH GUIDE: The whole part of our reforestation is part of ‘malama aina’. To ‘malama’ is to take care of the ‘aina’, of the land. Most of the resources you’re getting from, you’re getting from the ‘aina’, from the land. So you want to make sure to ‘malama’ to take care of it so it can in turn take care of the people.

KUALOA RANCH GUIDE: Remember your shaka. From there, so anywhere in in that area like that, use that o’o and start doing it.

KUALOA RANCH GUIDE: Don’t be afraid, there you go, rock it back and forth and dig, get down with your hands.”

KUALOA RANCH GUIDE: If you got any aggression or anything you need to get out of your system.

J.T. POSTON: This is all those bogeys I made last week.

KUALOA RANCH GUIDE: Exactly!

J.T. POSTON: That’s good right there?

KUALOA RANCH GUIDE: That’s good.
J.T. POSTON: How’s the shaka?

KUALOA RANCH GUIDE: Good

J.T. POSTON: To be able to come back and bring our family, our kid or kids, and to see the tree that we planted a few years down the road would be really cool to see, the progress the tree has made. Today was really special and it was a perfect reminder for whenever we do visit Hawaii to leave it better than we found it.

**A6 – BUMP**

STEVEN ALKER: Being excited about coming on to the Champions that's kind of what's motivated me the most, I think. I want to try and beat Bernhard Langer. I thought fine, you know, play until 70 maybe or something. I don't I mean, I don't know how many years are in me. If I can get to 60, that’d be amazing. You know, just the body holds up and stay competitive, gets back to just the grind. If I start losing that grind, then yeah, it is time to hang up the clubs. My goal right now is to get to the playoffs and better a position where I get a chance to win. That's all we can ask

**B1 – KAITO ONISHI FEATURE**

ANNC: Please welcome from Japan, Kaito Onishi.

KAITO ONISHI: So I started playing when I was five and then moved to L.A. when I was nine, went to USC and graduated in 2021 and had a full season last year and then this is my basically my second year as a pro.

KAITO ONISHI: I got some starts on the challenge tour in Japan. There, I played pretty good in the beginning, so I got a couple more exemptions and then I got my status on Japan tour last season and I was only exempt for the first half but fortunate enough to get the win, so I got to play the full season.

ANNC: Kaito Onishi next to go. Stand out for USC during his college days. Got it, oh. Another great one, hold on a second. He has a chance.

KAITO ONISHI: I was top five on the Japan tour money list, so then I was able to go to the final stage of Q School and I finished 12th on the Q School.

ANNC: Shigeki Maruyama, he started on the back nine, this for birdie at 14. Playing with the yellow golf ball for about a year, that color is supposed to create zen like calm. It’s working.

KAITO ONISHI: I looked up to Shigeki Maruyama and when I was nine he was kind enough to play with me and show me his all his short game. It's still by far the best short game I've ever seen. That's who I look up to. Hopefully I can get my card and kind of chase up to watch what he's done.

KAITO ONISHI: I like to go aggressive off the tee. I will say I'm pretty good on my short game, so if I can get somewhere close to the green, I can somehow come up with a birdie. So, I hope the fans this week can see that I'm aggressive.

KAITO ONISHI:  Everyone is good out here, so make sure I need to know my strength, my weaknesses, and keep working on my weaknesses. Believe everyone on my team and kind of believe in myself. Keep getting better. My goal is, you know, go on Korn Ferry and then hopefully get my card for the next season.

**B2 – SONY WINNER**

ANNC: That’s the way to do it right there! How about a birdie?

SI WOO KIM: It was tough lie in to the grain, so I had to be aggressive, nothing to lose so I hit it aggressive, it goes in and I was excited.

ANNC: This is a big time pressure moment for him, that’ll go. That will run…fabulous shot from the fairway bunker.

SI WOO KIM: I really want to win when I play every week, but I know it’s high expectations that’s holding me up. But kept trying to be positive.

ANNC: Si Woo Kim winning for the fourth time on the PGA TOUR.

SI WOO KIM: I think I can get more wins than I think, but every tournament is getting harder and harder I feel like. It’s not an easy tour, so here you have to be more patient, and just trying to play my golf.

ANNC: Yeah walks it in, and a fist pump!

SI WOO KIM: First time winning the first event, can’t be better than this. I’m trying to get more confidence and get more wins.

**B3 – FEC STANDINGS**

**THE COME-FROM-BEHIND WIN WAS SI WOO KIM’S FOURTH CAREER VICTORY ON TOUR AND HIS FIRST SINCE THE AMERICAN EXPRESS IN 2021. KIM NOW SITS 8TH IN THE FEDEXCUP STANDINGS.**

**B4 – COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP TEN**

**MEANWHILE, SEAMUS POWER CONTINUES TO LEAD THE COMCAST BUSINESS TOUR TOP 10 AS THE PGA TOUR LEAVES HAWAII TO BEGIN ITS WEST COAST SWING.**

**B5 – SERVPRO**

***THE CUT PRESENTS RAPID RECOVERY.***

ANNC: A player who really has it going, Andrew Putnam.

ANDREW PUTNAM: I was playing great. Played great on my first nine. Think I was five under. Then a couple of loose swings, couple of bogeys that I don’t typically make.

ANNC: Kind of an ugly bogey there

***AFTER FIVE BIRDIES ON HIS FRONT NINE, ANDREW PUTNAM STUMBLED ON THE BACK WITH BACK TO BACK BOGEYS – BUT REBOUNDED WITH THE FLAT STICK.***

ANDREW PUTNAM: The putter heated up. Made some long putts. Pretty sure my strokes gained putting is pretty high for this round.

ANNC: Andrew Putnam…for another birdie, this guy is red hot with that club right there.

ANNC: What a round of golf, 62.

**C1 – THE CUT REJOIN**

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**C2 – PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS RETURN MINI**

ANNC: It's the season opener on the PGA Tour Champions, and we are in paradise for the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualai.

***AS THE PGA TOUR ENDS IT’S HAWAII SWING, THE CHAMPIONS TOUR SETTLES IN ON THE BIG ISLAND THIS WEEK FOR THEIR FIRST TOURNAMENT OF THE NEW YEAR.***

ALEX CEJKA: The players are great. We play great courses. I think everybody has so much fun.

ANNC: Oh look at this for Steven Alker, yes. That’s a way to finish your round.

ANNC: Pretty good line, just a little right of the flag. Oh, another one.

PAUL GOYDOS: Without a doubt, the Champions Tour is getting a lot tougher.

ANNC: What a lot of performance. Boom. Steven Alker, a winner again.

ANNC: Harrington rewrites the history books. His fourth win this season.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Crowds are watching. There's always a chance, there’s drama, there’s pressure.

ANNC: Stricker wins in dominating fashion.

ANNC: Miguel Angel Jimenez wins for the third time this season.

COLIN MONTGOMERIE They're all getting better. You know, they're not just because age doesn't seem to factor at all.

ANNC: Number 44 for Bernhard Langer. Trying to get closer to Hale Irwin’s mark of 45, which is the gold standard for career victories on the PGA Tour Champions.

BERNARD LANGER: Some years ago, I said, there's no way anybody's going to win 45 events out here, but I've come very close. I will keep trying.

ANNC: Steven Alker is your Charles Schwab Cup playoff champion.

JERRY KELLY: Just no flaws in the game.

PAUL BROADHURST: He took Champions Tour by storm. There's no sign of him stopping.

ANNC: I expect to see Steven Alker at the top of a lot of leaderboards as this year progresses.

**C3 – STEVEN ALKER FEATURE**

STEVEN ALKER: It went on month by month, it's like, okay, this can become a reality. This can become, you know, for real.

ANNC: Statement win for Alker.

STEVEN ALKER: As the year went on, I just kept trying to win golf tournaments, just stay competitive and enjoying the challenge of every week.

ANNC: What a performance. Boom. Steven Alker, a winner again.

STEVEN ALKER: Right now, you know, just feeling more comfortable out there as the year is going on.

ANNC: Oh yeah, pours it in. Drop the mic, drop the putter. Yes, sir.

STEVEN ALKER: I just kind of feel like it's just like a second career. It's like a second chance to me. And that's been my big motivation and to provide for my family, too.

STEVEN ALKER: Thank you very much. Here you go my friend, hope you’re hungry buddy.

STEVEN ALKER: We're only a one car family for a very long time. So, we got a new car. It's my wife's car and I get to drive it. Had some work down in the kitchen and some flooring and just bits around the house that kind of needed doing, they're like 30 years old, so nothing extravagant, just it's been so whirlwind, happened so quickly. So, we just haven't kind of had time to really plan anything.

STEVEN ALKER: You know, I've been grinding for a long time. You know, Korn Ferry and PGA Tour didn't go how I wanted and played some European tour in there as well. So, the whole experience of what I've gone through the last 20, 25 years into pro golf and competing, it's just kind of got me ready for the Champions Tour.

ANNC: He’s come up short a couple times today, but he's feeling the heat for sure.

STEVEN ALKER: At times we're thinking, gee, should we do something else? I think 13 was a year where it's just like, let's see how these few tournaments go. I think I was in Utah, which is one of my favorite events. I happened to win that event. You know, it just sort of went well and kind of flipped things around and got back on tour and started going again.

ANNC: That's his first win since 2014 on the Korn Ferry tour. It’s going to make him a full-time member on the PGA Tour Champions next season and going on to set a schedule for 2022.

STEVEN ALKER: Being excited about coming on to the Champions that's kind of what's motivated me the most, I think. I want to try and beat Bernhard Langer. I thought fine, you know, play until 70 maybe or something. I don't I mean, I don't know how many years are in me. If I can get to 60, that’d be amazing. You know, just the body holds up and stay competitive, gets back to just the grind. If I start losing that grind, then yeah, it is time to hang up the clubs.

STEVEN ALKER: I haven't really sat down and thought about it too much, but yeah, another one of those would be super. Another goal really at the top on the list is another major. My wife is British, senior that Senior Open to win that one that'd be pretty neat. My goal right now is to get to the playoffs and better a position where I get a chance to win. That's all we can ask.

NATS: Whoo, number one.

**D1 – NETFLIX TEASE**

NATS: Every year these guys fight for their career.

IAN POULTER: You picked a hell of a year to start following the PGA TOUR.

TONY FINAU: I’m fighting to win every time I play.

JUSTIN THOMAS: Whatever gets it done, that’s all that matters.

DANIEL RAPAPORT: Winning is so hard on the PGA TOUR.

MATT FITZPATRICK: At the end of the day, you’re playing against the best players in the world.

DUSTIN JOHNSON: They want to step on my throne, I want to step on theirs.

NATS: It’s win or go home.

IAN POULTER: Beautiful weather.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: All it takes is one week before your life changes.

NATS: Quiet in the house, action.

RORY MCILROY: If I want the game that I love to be played by future generations, the game needs to be pushed forward.

**D2 – TOUR PLAYLIST**

**THE PGA TOUR BEGINS ITS WEST COAST SWING ON THURSDAY AT THE AMERICAN EXPRESS, WHERE A STRONG FIELD IS HEADLINED BY TONY FINAU.**

**D3 – SWING THEORY – FINAU**

TONY FINAU: Ooh. Primary swing to Lee Trevino is always someone in my mind that I'm like, If I could swing a golf club like one person in the history of this game, it's Lee Trevino. So I'm always thinking to gain like an impact position, like Lee Trevino. So that's kind of my main swing thought for the most part.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: A lot has to do with tempo.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Just committing to the shot.

JUSTIN THOMAS: I'm a big feel guy.

RORY MCILROY: Turn your body and club through together.

MARK IMMELMAN: At six foot four, Tony Finau is arguably the PGA Tour's best athlete. At a cruising speed, he keeps it up with the best. When he wants to, he can hit it farther than anyone. The swing's dynamic, it's powerful, it's repeatable. It's just downright athletic.

ANNC: He's got such great torque through his body twists without really leaping off the ground like Justin Thomas.

ANNC: If you’ve ever seen his workout routines, he just generates so much speed.

ANNC: So much fun watching him hit the ball. Especially with this club.

ANNC: Finau now can put a little jet fuel on this.

MARK IMMELMAN: At address, Tony likes to sit a little bit more than most. You can see that how the rear end is well beyond the heels of the feet. Now, ordinarily, you would see PGA Tour guys kind of line up more over the center of their body. Tony likes the sitting feeling because he likes to feel his hands a little lower, and that's to allow that club face to look a little more left.

MARK IMMELMAN: When those hands push up, he gets the face looking too far right and he fights a little bit of a right shot or a ball that draws too much. So see, low hands have an influence on the shaft playing. So now as he moves it away again from the seated position. Long arms. He's six-foot-four. The club hovers, then travels along the plane line.

MARK IMMELMAN: And when we get to left arm parallel, this is what Tony likes to do. He like to try and stand the shaft up in the back swing. That allows him then to shallow that shaft into the downswing. So as we take him to the top absence of excess wrist hinge, the arm swing up over the shoulder a little shorter than most.

MARK IMMELMAN: And already there you can see how that club is beginning to go in that sort of a direction as it shallows into transition. So now the low body unwinds, the knees lead, watch the shaft just flare and lay down as he changes direction. And there's the lay down. Now he's down the chest. Now, look at this. That standing up shaft now has that baby pointing right on the money, legs underneath him.

MARK IMMELMAN: He's still in a sit look. And that now is going to allow him to get his hands back in the channel where he began. Down to contact. Watch the quiet feet and watch his magic move. Very quiet in the feet, hands right back in the channel where he began. Right elbow underneath, left elbow. That's going to work if you like to hit power fades and he loves to.

MARK IMMELMAN: Look at those feet. A lot of folks will use the ground, Tony, just plugs into the ground and slings that golf club around him freely into the follow through every single time. He can smash a low tumbling fade with the very best of them.

ANNC: Now, this is beautiful. Smoked. It sounded so good.

ANNC: Fabulous golf swing. We know how short it is, but you know when you see it in slow motion now, great lines, textbook. Great stuff, isn't it?

ANNC: And Tony's ready to go. And his favorite club in hand.

ANNC: Tony. Fifth best on the tour in strokes gained tee to green this season. I'd like to see four people that drive it better than he does. Really. It's hard to find.

ANNC: Oh, my goodness. How about that tee shot?

MARK IMMELMAN: And the one thing about Finau, whether it's hit or whether it's caressed, it's hit into balance. And that's something that Tony prides himself on, putting the exclamation point on this powerful statement he just made.

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