23INTFHARR PADRAIG HARRINGTON PROFILE – FINAL SCRIPT

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Close enough to my home now, we have brought the dog up here a few times, its about an hours walk from here.

NAT: Photographer – Ok straight down here, click, lovely

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: We're doing a photo shoot for kind of iconic Paddy’s.

NAT: I feel like I should really bare my chest at this stage.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: I’m the fiftieth photograph they’ve taken, fifty different Patrick's Padraigs, Paddy's in Ireland and from all different walks of life.

NAT: Great just stay there with me

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: It's a book to show that there are many types of Irish Paddy’s and we are not all cut from the same cloth.

NAT: And bring the leg back for me for a couple of shots, yeah.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: I did it. I had a career that has surpassed anything I could have ever imagined. And on days like this where you get reminded you kind of take it in and enjoy it. I’m not done yet.

***TITLE PAGE –GREATER HEIGHTS***

NAT: *(pulling in trash can)*

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Its Home. It really is home. I’m very proud of Ireland. I think we're really, really good country. When you travel the world and you come back to Ireland, we are pretty nice place. Nice, nice place to be.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Three guys come in, basically five days a week in the mornings. They get pretty much get it all done in, you know, in in a couple of hours. It's kept to a perfect standard

**WHILE HOME IN DUBLIN, IRELAND – PADRAIG HARRINGTON’S LIFELONG LOVE OF GOLF IS EVIDENT BY HIS PROPERTY – WHICH ALSO SERVES AS HIS TRAINING GROUND.**

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: I hope you didn't get that in camera. I mean me first one of the day. Look. Oh, oh, oh.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: This is my work, this is where I come and practice. you know, putting in the hours out here, you're trying different shots, tinkering away, getting your game ready.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: I think I could spend the day here trying to get that ball to stay in the green.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: there is everything to keep your interest there. And the most important thing, if you're going to practice anything, is that you stay interested. There's no point in practicing a boring shot. You'll lose your interest, you’ll daydream.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Its a bad day for the winter here. It's showery, it's windy. Because this is my home like if I get cold in 10 minutes time, I think we can have a cup of tea. And then I'll come out again. I'm looking for a little bit of comfort in my practice and I have it here. Okay I delivered on that one at least.

ANNC: What a time to deliver, he came out with a fantastic shot.

**STILL COMPETETIVE AS EVER – AS JOINING THE PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS IN 20-22 – HAS LIT A NEW FIRE FOR THE 3-TIME MAJOR WINNER.**

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: If you tune in to the Champions Tour, you're guaranteed some excitement with players, that you're very familiar with.

ANNC: Already with a senior major under his belt, has made an immediate impact.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: You're going to have guys at the end of the day fighting it out and the drama, we're hitting shots.

ANNC: How bout that swing, he hits it perfect

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Every shot I hit on the Champions Tour coming down the stretch, under pressure in front of the crowds is me reliving the glory I had back in my heyday. Every one of them. It's not just the moment that I'm enjoying. I'm enjoying what I did in the past.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: I was the youngest of five boys. Hung out a lot of with my brother who was nearly two years older than me because I was competing against him and his friends, I tended to be pretty decent at whatever I played.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: On the golf course, I was in control of my own destiny and I was winning and everything was going well. So, it was easy to see. You know, golf was going to be favored.

**OVERLOOKING GREATER DUBLIN SITS STACKSTOWN GOLF CLUB…**

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: It was my playground as a kid, so close to my family.

**AND WITHIN ITS CLUBHOUSE WALLS LIES A STRINE TO NOT ONLY PADRAIG’S ACCOMPLISHMENTS – BUT THE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM HIS FAMILY.**

EUGENE BANKS: Without the Harrington family, the club wouldn't have existed. His father was here building the club by hand. It is a great association that we have with the Harrington family and we're delighted to have it.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: My father was a policeman and he played golf, but he realized that young policemen, recruits coming to the city couldn't afford to join golf clubs at that time, so they convinced the guard, a social club, to buy this land and lease it to them. And they built a golf course.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Probably the youngest memory I ever have. I can remember physically building the 12th green at Stackstown. Four five years of age actually leveling the green with my feet.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: I got exceptional support. I think it kind of emotional of my mum and dad at the time. They said they'd mortgaged the house, which is a big deal for, God I'm emotional about that. Didn't think I was going to go there.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Everything about the golf course developed my golfing personality. When I played, it was very windy, got very bouncy and very tricky. So a good round of golf. As a good player, you might hit six Greens in regulation, so you end up with a great short game, you end up with a great competitive mindset you ended up getting the job done. I learned how to be a player here.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: I got wins at each level. When I won the Lanister boys at 15 years of age. It was that was my breakthrough win outside my golf club. I used a golf ball that week, a Titleist LT. I used it for 63 holes, and I found it the week before. Times were different.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: I went 18 months in Ireland. Never losing a stroke play event over 36 holes. So that is probably the peak of my career ever. Full 18 months, every scratch cup, every qualifier, anything at 36 holes or more in Ireland. I didn't get beat.

JODY FANAGAN: He was a boy prodigy on his way up, making his way. And I was trying to make my way in the golf scene

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Jody was my foursomes partner when it came to all those wins I had back in the days. I played fouresomes with Jody. What a golfer, super golfer.

JODY FANAGAN: Straightaway he took charge. So he was the captain of our team. And, you know, it remained that way for six years. It culminated in us being selected for the Walker Cup in ‘95.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: We beat Tiger in the Walker Cup, with- John Harris.

JODY FANAGAN: Tiger just won two U.S. Ams would go on to win a third one, but he was their star. We knew we'd be up against him and we had a great match we ultimately won two to one it was great to beat him and play him.

NAT: So Sunday we win. I’m impressed he is all dressed up for me, how are you good to see you great, he’s asking me the question about Walker Cup and coming up the sixth hole…

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Jody look at this we got em, yeah it was great days. What more could you ask for we traveled around Europe and played golf. What a life.

NAT: I don’t think I could have turned pro without winning a Walker Cup. Whoah. I don’t think I could have.

**THE WALKER CUP WIN WAS THE SPRINGBOARD PADRAIG NEEDED – AS SUCCESS SOON FOLLOWED AFTER TURNING PRO IN 1996 AND JOINING THE D-P WORLD TOUR.**

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: So I finished 11th the first year. And I swear to you, I just ran with the ball. And the second year, I was even more motivated to prove that the first year wasn't a fluke. I had such fear that, you know, this is all going to disappear and I just kept going.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Fear is a great motivator. Fear is excellent. I know it can wear on you, but fear for me definitely works. It works on the golf course. It works off the golf course. It motivates me. It gets me going.

**AND HIS BRAND OF MOTIVATION LED TO A SUCCESSFUL STINT ON THE D-P WORLD TOUR – HIGHLIGHTED BY WINNING THE ORDER OF MERIT IN 2004…AND THEN TURNING HIS FOCUS TO THE PGA TOUR SOON AFTER…WHICH PAID OFF.**

ANNC: Padraig Harrington has won here in the United States, his first on the PGA TOUR.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: The Honda was a bit of a shock at the time. I had a good last round to win it, Vijay missed that short putt. I think the instant validation was more the Barclays. The putt was up the tier and it came over the top, So the ball is trickling for about 12 feet dead straight at the hole. And I'm going, please hold your line. And obviously it did hold the line it pops into the hole.

ANNC: A remarkable eagle to finish his second win on tour this year.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: I think a lot of times the second win is very important. Validates the first one.

**EVEN FURTHER VALIDATION CAME IN THE YEARS THAT FOLLOWED.**

ANNC: How bout it a nice putt by Harrington

**WITH A CAREER DEFINING RUN IN THE MAJORS.**

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: In 2006, I felt I could beat anybody, even if they played their best golf, as in I was capable of doing that with my own game.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: My win in Carnoustie, I played great

ANNC: Padraig Harringtone the Open champion

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Only for my second win, which came a year later at Birkdale. First win was very exciting the second win was very satisfying the way I did it, the style, the way I played, the shots I hit. And, you know maybe you could two was my validation. I got my third really quick, which was a bonus, I ticked the box. Yeah, I ticked the box no doubt about it.

**WHILE PADRAIG TICKED THE MAJOR BOXES – VICTORIES ELUDED THE IRISHMAN THE FOLLOWING YEARS.**

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: I played better in 2009, 2010, but I didn't perform as well as 2008 because that was my peak. And you're trying to live up to that peak. That's just the reality. And look at every player you will find that they had two seasons where things were just better and easier. And I got the yips in 2012.

ANNC: Ohhh Padraig, and that will be an extreme challenge for Harrington.

**AND AFTER BATTLING THROUGH SWING CHANGES – HARRINGTON FOUND VICTORY ONCE AGAIN 7 YEARS LATER.**

ANNC: Another Honda Classic victory for Harrington, 10 years removed from his first, the oldest winner of the Honda Classic.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Winning Honda in 2015, I enjoyed it for the satisfaction of winning.

**BUT MORE THAN THAT – WINNING AT AGE 43 WAS A PREMONITION OF WHAT WOULD COME IN THE LATER STAGES OF HIS CAREER…**

ANNC: Harrington holds him off. That is now his third win this season on the PGA TOUR Champions.

**EVIDENT IN HOW HE PRESERVES HIS LONGEVITY AT HOME IN IRELAND.**

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Training to me is anti-aging.. I know I need to keep the vitality up. And that's why I train. The biggest problem as you get older, you lose muscle mass. So the majority of my training is just trying to keep muscles.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: The Champions Tour has made me a better player.

ANNC: Harrington rewrites the record books, that’s a new 72-hole scoring record

**WHAT ALSO HELPS KEEP HIS GAME SHARP…**

NATS: Welcome back to Paddy's Golf Tips.

**IS THE VAST KNOWLEDGE FROM HIS SUCCESSES THAT HE EXTENDS TO OTHERS – AND EVEN UTILIZES HIMSELF – WITH HIS SWING TIPS.**

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: I've always wanted to do it, to be honest.

NATS: Likewise, don't stick your bum out. This ain't good.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: I do them in one take. If you don't like it, don't watch them. This is what I think and I put them out there in my own words.

NATS: Do not bend your knees.

COLIN MOTGOMERIE: He shares some of his thoughts with us and he has a lot of thoughts believe me.

JIM FURYK: They're pretty funny. There's a lot of pauses and a lot of eh is in there.

NATS: Eh, eh, eh, eh.

JIM FURYK: He’s witty, I think he's fun. I think some of that personality comes out during his videos and folks probably really enjoy them.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Out to my right and hit a beautiful little draw.

NAT FROM WALK: I could give the best golf tip /on social media and it would get some coverage. No problem. But if I post a picture of Wilson. It will get far more coverage people love Wilson.

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: When you go around the world and you come back to Ireland, you realize how good it is here…

NAT: Who’s gonna clean you after this?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Wilson was my first dog. We have him three and a half years. He just took over our lives. You know, we're always aware what. Where he is, what he's doing. So he just he becomes the center of your of your family, of your life. And everything is revolves around them. He's just part of the family now. I probably ask for more photos of Wilson every day than I do of my kids.

**A PASSIONATE, PROUD MAN FROM DUBLIN.**

**FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS AT STACKSTOWN – TO A STORIED PROFESSIONAL CAREER – AND NOW – EVEN GREATER HEIGHTS ON PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS.**

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: The Champions Tour this year. We got far more attention than it feels like then even back in 2008. You’re hitting great shots and you know, people saw you win the majors are watching you now and they go oh he still has it. He still doing it. It gets you it gives you the opportunity to relive your past glories, which is fabulous. It feels new again.