**Sali’s Story: An Ambitious Journey Begins in Uganda**

**MASTER SCRIPT**

**Show opens**

**Intro**

Nats: Music playing

ROGER SALI: I want you to remember that golf is going to give you very many opportunities in life.

Nats: Hello

ROGER: It will teach you manners. Like how to behave in community and society. And it also humbles you down because it's not an easy game.

Nats: ping

ROGER: They're going to get bottle tops to use them like tees. You don't need much. You can be creative and you can play from anywhere.

Nats: Nice! Good. Good. Good. Good.

ROGER: I'm ready to start up something that they can play forever and ever.

**Introducing Roger Sali**

Kampala, Uganda

Nats: Do you remember the small nursey school? Should I go past it?

Nats: We’ll wait here at the gas station.

Nats: Someone’s coming.

Nats: Let’s follow him on the bike.

Nats: On the bike?

Nats: Yeah, we’re just going to follow him.

Nats: Ok

Nats: Where are we going, Arnold?

ARNOLD WA RICKMAN: Down to the last house. The last place. We’re going to see Roger.

ARNOLD: Every Tuesday when I'm off, I come this side.

ARNOLD: I capture Roger's videos and then I edit them after.

ARNOLD: OK.

ARNOLD: So here’s where Roger stays.

Nats: footsteps, knock on door, music

ARNOLD: What's up?

ROGER: How are you doing?

Nats: easy listening music

Cameraman: Can we kill it?

ROGER: So I'm going to have breakfast.

ROGER: Then I can go.

Nats: water being poured

ROGER: The net is there. You want me to build it?

ROGER The way I got introduced to golf is I was looking for a job October 2018. Because when my dad died, I had to look after my sisters and brothers.

ROGER: So they called me and they told me that there is a job at Serena Golf Course. You can come and try it out.

ROGER: So I came and trained as a caddie. When I got to see a golf course, I didn't know much what it means. You see clubs, you don't know

what they mean, what they do.

ROGER: But through practice and watching many videos on YouTube, I was able to get used to it. Because you can't be a good caddie when you don't know

how to play.

ROGER: So that's what inspired me to keep learning and learning. Then I started the

Instagram thing.

Nats: JOYFUL MUSIC

Nats: NON-ENGLISH SINGING

ROGER: What's up, guys? This is the load drill.

Nats: swing

ROGER: @slomoswinglibrary, that is how I got to know Nick, through Instagram.

Nats: swing

NICK SCHIAVI: When I saw one of his posts come into my feed, some of the most natural talent I guess I've ever seen in my four years of doing breakdowns.

ROGER: He told me, 'keep posting videos. Keep doing what you're doing.' Like, consistency.

NICK: It just felt like the right thing to do was to show him how he could grow on social media and potentially grow a business for himself.

ROGER: I would practice just in open space. And then also, bedsheets.

NICK: He started noticing things about his game and noticing things about his swing and he didn't really understand the swing.

So I said that I would do a breakdown for him for free.

NICK: Where your body is pointed, so you can see that it's pointed this way.

And then from there, we just stayed in touch.

NICK: So if he ever had a question or anything about the swing, I would answer it. So yeah, it was like

all the time.

NICK: Now, let's just get you tilted in the right direction.

ROGER: He told me, you are the first person I've told everything and you have been able to do it.

NICK: He's one of my best friends at this point. We talk like almost every day.

NICK: Oh yeah?

NICK: And he just has a perspective on things that no one here has.

NICK: Wow, that's awesome, dude.

ROGER: He's my friend, but sometimes he thinks I'm like his brother.

NICK: It was just continuous friendship, slash, also I'm helping him understanding his swing. And that continues to this day.

Nats: Swing

ROGER: Arnold is a caddie, but Arnold just came-- I told you you'd find him here. He lives very far, but he came very early.

This one, he works with us. He's a caddie.

FRANCISCO SARAXVIA: In the morning, catch up with Roger and Martin. And then we warm up, and then we get on the course ready.

MARTIN LA AMIGO: These are ball marks. You know, that guy was learning to hit balls. And then, that's how he hit this wall with the balls.

Here, here, here. And he's learning.

PETER: Yes, I can try.

MARTIN: You can come and try.

Nats: native language

Nats: mellow music

ROGER: Go like this to the top of the backswing and then hit it.

PETER: OK.

ROGER: Now bend your knees.

ROGER: Leave him, he is only a beginner.

Nats: Swing

ROGER: It's good, because he was swinging like this all over the body, but you just need to make it simple.

PETER: Recently, when I came here, I met these guys. They were playing here. So I somehow got the interest back. I was like, 'Let me try these things.'

Since I stay with these guys. And every morning, they practice. The way he swings the balls, even if you're in bed, you're like, let me

come out and see.

Nats: Swing

Nats: Native language

Nats: Swing

ROGER: These are the tea leaves. This one is like spice. Good.

ROGER: And then-- so this is the bread.

Nats: Birds chirping

ROGER: This is my neighborhood. There's a shortcut there I use to go to Serena.

Serena is somewhere around there. That is where I work from, just about 10 minutes.

LAKE VICTORIA SERENA GOLF RESORT

THEO VAN ROOYEN: Hi everyone. Are you good? I want to start with consistency. Every guest who travels here is our ambassador. And their first point of contact is you.

The area that we always get comments on is the caddies, and the maintenance, and the friendliness of the staff. So even as you're looking at me now, I need a smile guys.

Please don't be so serious. Remember the golfer that's coming behind you. That's why you guys are playing golf, is to put yourself in that same position, that same spot,

that you can give them the best advice. Roger here is a great example of that. What he does in his personal life reflects what he does in his workplace.

Nats: Clapping

THEO: Yeah, let's give him a great hand of applause.

Nats: clapping

THEO: You tell us a little bit more about your background and your journey up to now.

ROGER: Yes, good afternoon.

Nats: Good afternoon.

ROGER: Yeah, my name is Roger, Kawuki Rogers, also known as Sali Rogers. I started working with my mom in Kampala and things were going well. Then my dad died,

I stopped working in Kampala, and yeah, life was not easy.Let me rest a bit.

Nats: birds chirping

ROGER: OK, now I'm back.

Nats: Laughing

ROGER: I became a caddie master. Mr. Theo gave me the opportunity. Then I became a starter. That is how I am right now. The rest is my personal life-- golf, things like that.

Yeah, I'm just like the way you see me.

Nats: Laughter

THEO: OK, great. Thanks, Roger. I appreciate that. If you take where we are located on a map, it's very tough to find.

ROGER: Yes.

THEO: And through your exposure, it really brought a lot of publicity. And I really believe that we will definitely see some more interest, not

only in people like you, but also for other juniors as well.

ROGER: Yes.

THEO: Thank you.

ROGER: Yeah.

THEO: That's it. Thank you guys. You must have a great afternoon.

THEO: Naturally, he comes through quietly.

Nats: Oh, Roger wants to join us.

ROGER: Yeah.

THEO: But the moment you see him interact with other caddies, then you can see it coming out.

Nats: Coach Roger. Laughs

THEO: He was always somebody that they would listen to and follow his lead.

Nats: Another hole-- we'll pick another hole.

Nats: Go in! Ooh!

KENNETH: Roger is a nice guy. Self-taught, self-motivated. And he has inspired most of us here. Most of caddies here now

have started to play golf.

FRANCISCO: This one-- swing fast man.

ROGER: Shamy, come over here,

THEO: He's definitely got a bunch of guys that feeds off his energy. The way that they interact actually every single day, they're like a bunch of brothers.

ROGER: You see, he has a very big smile. I told you. I give caddies tips. I like caddies to play golf. I like very many people to play golf. I think I just like to teach.

ROGER: Kenny, do you see what I was trying to tell you?

Nats: Swing

ROGER: The one for the back swing. Yeah, like this.

KENNETH: So I go in line with this so I have to bring it from the top?

ROGER: Uh-huh.

Nats: Swing

Nats: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

ROGER: Do it slow.

ROGER: That's basically my dream, to be a teaching pro. Then I can be able to share tips and keep introducing golf to many people. Golf is a very good game. It has changed

my life a lot. And I believe it can change many people's lives.

ROGER: Come over here. I see these kids want to hit balls, too.

Nats: music

ROGER: Stand like this and swing like how I was swinging.

Nats: swing

FRANCISCO: Yeah!

Nats: Hit?

ROGER: Stand here and don’t put off your shoes. This is their first time, all of them, to see a golf club. So I think I don't know what they feel in their mind.

ROGER: I think they are happy, yeah. When you see me, you come and hit balls. Any time you see me, OK?

Nats: Yes.

ROGER: All right, that is good.

MARTIN: Where do you live? What's your name? Should I give you a ball and you hit?

Nats: Swing

Nats: No problem.

Nats: Ah, we have a champion.

Nats: If I hit the ball, I win.

ROGER: He means that if he hits the ball up, he wins because most times, I give them a challenge. You are able to raise the ball up, you take, like, 1,000

Ugandan shillings. So that's why he came.

Nats: Don't fear the camera.

Nats: Nice. clapping

ROGER: You get a soda.

Nats: He teach us if the ball is there, you go like this. Hit.

Nats: laughing

MARTIN: Do you know what a golf course is? This whole thing is just for practice. But the real thing is a course, like, where we play from. You want to go to

the golf course?

Nats: Yes, thank you.

MARTIN: You're welcome. You take your brother with you. This guy likes golf, wants to hang around.

ROGER:

Imagine if these kids start at this age to play golf, they would be like the Tiger Woods, the Collin Morikawas of this world.

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