**2023 ONE SHOT AWAY**

*Episode #1 – Passport Required*

INTERNATIONAL SCRIPT

COLD OPEN

ANNC: The Korn Ferry Tour kicks off their new season in the Caribbean.

What an opportunity. These guys have a chance to get their PGA TOUR Card.

NAT: Island hopping. Abaco, baby!

LYRICS: That’s my moment, that’s my chance to show what I’m made of.

ANNC: The Korn Ferry Tour does such a good job of identifying the next best in the world.

LYRICS: They’re telling you that time’s up, time’s up. I’ve got one thing on my mind and that’s to reach the top.

SCOTT: Haha, I feel pretty down right now. Missing by one, it really kind of kicks you in the teeth.

GOTTERUP: You get burnt out. No one enjoys staying in a hotel for 5 weeks in a row.

LYRICS: This is the end game. Not following a trend game.

ANNC: It’s just a matter of time til maybe he becomes the next Scottie Scheffler.

LYRICS: This is the endgame. No best out of ten game.

ANNC: Dreams have been realized, shot by shot and putt by putt.

STAND-UP #1

**A REIMAGINED SEASON ON THE KORN FERRY TOUR BEGAN IN JANUARY AS 132 PGA TOUR HOPEFULS STAMPED THEIR PASSPORTS IN THE ISLANDS OF EXUMA – BUT ONLY 30 WILL EARN COVETED TOUR CARDS COME SEPTEMBER.**

**EVOLVING FROM YEARS PAST WHERE 25 CARDS WERE DECIDED BY A REGULAR SEASON POINTS LIST, WITH AN ADDITIONAL 25 HANDED OUT AT THE KORN FERRY TOUR FINALS, THIS SEASON WILL BE THE MOST CUTTHROAT TO DATE.**

**26 EVENTS WILL SEAL THE FATE OF THE 30 WHO GRADUATE TO THE GAME'S GRANDEST STAGE...AND THOSE WHO ULTIMATELY FINISH ONE SHOT AWAY FROM THEIR LIFELONG DREAM.**

PLAYER INTRO | PHOTO SHOOT

**THE OPENING STRETCH OFFERS STABILITY TO THOSE WHO CAN SECURE AN EARLY VICTORY.**

FURR: Wilson Furr, I'm from Jackson, Mississippi. I graduated from Alabama in 2021, this is my first full season on the Korn Ferry Tour, Roll Tide.

NAT: And smile.

FURR: The last year of pro golf's has been a bit of a grind, on the mini tours, the Mondays. Getting my card this year at Q-School was huge for me.

NAT: Oh nice putt, super sick, let’s go!

FURR: In golf you get really good at failing upwards because you do that a lot. It's something I try to tell myself. When you fail and then you can learn from it and you just keep stacking those days on top of each other, you just inevitably move upward.

NAT: Hahaha, it’s so odd.

GOTTERUP: My name's Chris Gotterup. I'm from Little Silver, New Jersey. I went to Rutgers and Oklahoma, and this is my first year on the Korn Ferry Tour.

**2022 COLLEGIATE PLAYER OF THE YEAR, CHRIS GOTTERUP MADE 8 PGA TOUR STARTS LAST SUMMER, COMING CLOSE TO EARNING HIS TOUR CARD STRAIGHT OUT OF COLLEGE.**

GOTTERUP: To not quite get it done and be back here makes me want to work a little harder to get back there.

COODY: Pierceson Coody from Plano, Texas, went to the University of Texas and this is my first year on the Korn Ferry Tour.

**PGA TOUR UNIVERSITY PHENOM PIERCESON COODY NEARLY EARNED A TOUR CARD LAST YEAR AFTER WINNING IN JUST HIS THIRD KORN FERRY START.**

**NOW IN HIS FIRST FULL SEASON ON THE TOUR, PIERCESON IS JOINED BY HIS TWIN BROTHER PARKER WHO HAS CONDITIONAL STATUS.**

COODY: He needs to play to improve his situation and play the rest of the season. Hopefully it ends up both of us doing it out here together and on the PGA TOUR.

NYHOLM: My name’s Pontus Nyholm. I'm 25 years old from Gävle, Sweden. I went to Campbell University, Go Cammels, and this is my second year on the Korn Ferry Tour.

**AFTER FINISHING 50TH LAST SEASON, SWEDEN'S PONTUS NYHOLM RETURNS WITH RENEWED FOCUS.**

NYHOLM: Getting my PGA TOUR card, that’s definitely the main goal. Last year I got a little caught up in the rankings towards the end of the year. I can do a better job of just focusing on my game this year instead of thinking about rankings or points or whatever.

NAT: Just toss it and look at me.

PHILLIPS: My name's Chandler Phillips from Huntsville, Texas. I went to Texas A&M University.

Everything I do in life, I just kind of go with the flow.

**WITH LIMITED EXPERIENCE ON THE KORN FERRY TOUR TWO YEARS AGO, CHANDLER PHILLIPS SPENT ALL OF LAST SEASON PLAYING MINI TOURS, ENTERING THE FIRST EVENT WITH HUMBLE EXPECTATIONS.**

NAT: I can’t get it. Hahaha.

CHANDLER PHILLIPS BAHAMAS VICTORY

ANNC: Everyone starts the year with a clean slate, but that will change, each and every week as the Korn Ferry Tour is under way.

Now Chandler Phillips, the Aggie.

PHILLIPS: You want to come into the week wanting to win but I would have been perfectly fine with like a top 20.

**FLYING UNDER THE RADAR MOST OF THE WEEK, PHILLIPS ROSE TO THE OCCASION ON SUNDAY IN THE BAHAMAS, SURPRISING EVEN HIMSELF TO BE IN CONTENTION WITH A CHANCE TO WIN.**

PHILLIPS: I didn't have any nerves because I had no idea where I was at.

ANNC: There's enough leaderboards if you want to look at them you can find out exactly where you are.

PHILLIPS: I think the last scoreboard I looked at was like nine and I was three back or two back and I knew the back nine had some scoreable holes. Let’s just take it one shot at a time. If I get hot, you know, I'll stay in the top five. That's kind of what I was thinking.

**THE AGGIE RATTLED OFF 4 BIRDIES OVER THE NEXT 6 HOLES, FINDING HIMSELF A FEW SHOTS AWAY FROM A LIFELONG DREAM.**

ANNC: The chance for victory on the Korn Ferry Tour.

PHILLIPS: Get on 18 and I hit my third shot into the green. Again, I had no idea where I was at. I go up there and they got the huge screen with the scoreboard and I saw that I had a two stroke lead, I ain't gonna lie, my stomach just sunk and then the nerves started rolling in.

**LIVING UP TO THE MOMENT, PHILLIPS MADE HIS PAR ON 18 FOR A TWO STROKE VICTORY AND A START ATOP THE KORN FERRY TOUR POINTS LIST – PROOF THAT HIS RELAXED APPROACH IS THE RIGHT ONE.**

PHILLIPS: I don't touch a club during like November or December, January. I do a bunch of hunting. When I do come back, I’m really excited.

ALEX SCOTT INTRO

**THE WIN GIVES PHILLIPS A SENSE SECURITY AND RELIEVES SOME EARLY SEASON PRESSURE – A FEELING COVETED BY THOSE FIGHTING TO EARN STARTS EACH WEEK.**

SCOTT: For those international events you fly down there, you wait around, you're not guaranteed to get in. It's not the best feeling in the world, but that's also the nature of it. It's a hard game. One shot away man, wow, I fit that to a tee right now.

PIERCESON COODY PANAMA VICTORY

ANNC: We get to see potential superstars before they're stars. When you think of Will Zalatoris, you think of Cameron Young, you think of Davis Riley, and you see something early before they've made it.

**ALREADY WELL ON HIS WAY TO BECOMING A HOUSEHOLD NAME, SOME WOULD SAY PIERCESON COODY'S PATH TO THE PGA TOUR IS WRITTEN IN THE STARS, AS THE GRANDSON OF THE 1971 MASTERS CHAMPION, CHARLES COODY.**

COODY: It's really unique and special that we get to have our granddad that did so well on the professional level, but all I’ve thought about is trying to make a name for myself.

**FOLLOWING IN THOSE FOOTSTEPS A SEASON AGO, PIERCESON BROKE THROUGH WITH A VICTORY, BUT A BROKEN LEFT HAND IN THE LAST EVENT OF THE SEASON COST HIM A PGA TOUR CARD, DELAYING HIS DESTINY...**

COODY: It was really stressful, not being able to play much golf until early December and then being kind of thrust into the season.

Things just go so fast, but until you actually do bounce back, you always kind of doubt in the back of your head.

**AFTER TWO MISSED CUTS TO START THE YEAR, PIERCESON ENTERED THE FINAL ROUND OF THE PANAMA CHAMPIONSHIP 5-STROKES OFF THE LEAD, WITH A CHANCE TO CEMENT HIS PHENOM STATUS.**

COODY: Things just kind of kept going my way and this final round was awesome. This whole time I was chasing. It was almost as almost like an out-of-body experience.

**RETURNING TO THE COMPETETIVE FORM HE DISPLAYED LAST YEAR, COODY MATCHED THE LOW ROUND OF THE DAY WITH A 4-UNDER 66 AND ENTERED A 3-MAN PLAYOFF.**

COODY: Once it was time to get in the playoff, like, all that kind of anxious feel went away.

I hit a great tee shot about 110 to get onto the green. So my caddie and I were trying to land about eight or nine paces short and that's just a perfect full lob wedge for me about a 105 shot.

I hit one of the best shots of my career to win and I just couldn't be happier.

**HIS SECOND VICTORY IN JUST FOURTEEN KORN FERRY TOUR STARTS, VALIDATES THE TEXAS GRADUATE AS A FUTURE STAR, BRINGING HIM ONE STEP CLOSER TO CARRYING ON THE FAMILY LEGACY.**

COODY: This gives me a lot of confidence to continue throughout the year. I just continue to play with that mindset and hopefully build upon a great year.

KORN FERRY SPONSOR FEATURE

ANNC: Joel Dahmen is a winner on the PGA TOUR for the first time.

DAHMEN: I used to be kind of one of the younger guys. I'm not one of the younger guys anymore. There's a bunch of Korn Ferry guys coming up that want to take my PGA TOUR card. So, I have to keep working, I have to keep getting better.

ANNC: Oh looky looky.

DAHMEN: Golf, you're never really gonna reach your potential.

ANNC: Wow, that's huge for Harry Higgs.

HIGGS: Make sure you keep learning. Take in every bit of information you can either from yourself or from others and then be able to decipher and discern how that may or may not apply to you and your game.

ANNC: There it is, what a putt, Lanto Griffin.

GRIFFEN: Every time I had that feeling of wanting to quit, the next morning I'd wake up and I throw that out the window and what do we need to work on? What do I need to do to get better. And I think when you have those feelings, that kinda makes you appreciate that you even have the opportunity to keep going.

BURNISON: Potential is about opportunity, it's the intersection of what was with what can be. When we actualize our potential we create the next path, the next gateway, that's our moment when we all can be more than. And just like in life that is what the Korn Ferry Tour is all about.

PLAYERS DURING BREAK

GOTTERUP: Bahamas obviously was fun, weather was great. It was nice to get out of the cold here. Yeah and then Panama and Colombia. Panama was awes… Panama was probably my favorite spot we went to. I took 12 years of Spanish and I still didn't really understand much. It was definitely an adjustment.

FURR: Just the amount, the volume of golf that you play on the Korn Ferry is a lot. Taking care of your body is pretty dang important. You'll get beat down pretty quick if you don't. It's nice being home and getting everything feeling good for a big stretch of golf coming up here.

GOTTERUP: To start the year traveling like that it definitely takes a little bit of a toll. So it's nice to have a break. We've got a couple weeks until Savannah and Chile after that.

**FEBRUARY CALLED FOR A 5-WEEK BREAK FROM TOURNAMENT PLAY, BUT THE PURSUIT NEVER STOPPED FOR CONDITIONAL MEMBERS LIKE ALEX SCOTT.**

ALEX SCOTT FEATURE

COACH: Make more cuts and then you can have someone hitting with you every time like Tiger Woods.

SCOTT: That’s right. Oh, that was terrible.

I haven't had any of this touch, so it’s like ok I want to swing at everything relatively full and then I just chunked it.

I've been struggling with my confidence in my game for a while. I missed the cut by one last week. I'm pretty sure I’m going to miss the cut this week by one. So yeah, I mean I unfortunately, I don't know when I'm going to be able to play again, so it sucks. I mean I missed by one at Q-School, so…. Uhhh.

There are definitely times that I don't want to go to the golf course, you know? Man I’m really struggling today or been struggling for a week. Sometimes maybe a day away might be a good way to reset the mind to be able to come back out here.

COACH: You've got to learn son that this is not a game of perfection.

SCOTT: It can be done.

When you go to final stage of Q-School everybody's fighting to try to get into that top 40. You finish in that top 40, you get the first eight starts of the Korn Ferry Tour guaranteed. I finished one shot out of exempt at finals.

ANNC: Ah man, that was an inch away from potential guaranteed starts. He knew what that meant.

SCOTT: When you're a conditional guy like me you don't have those first eight guaranteed. So you don't know when the chances are going to come. You know, I was able to get two of the first four, which is good.

I grinded really hard at both events and missing the cut by one at both. I bogeyed the last hole at Colombia which was tough.

I feel pretty down right now. Missing by one if you include final stage, 3 events in a row really sucks. It really kind of kicks you in the teeth, but yeah I hope to even just get the opportunity to bounce back kind of thing. Now I’m going to have to go play Mondays likely which obviously those are not easy to get through.

You see guys every year who start at conditional and they might not even play for quite a while. You know, they'll go Monday into an event, they'll top 25, gets them into the next event.

ANNC: Nothing to lose for a guy like Zalatoris.

SCOTT: They'll get a start or two and all the sudden they rip off a hot stretch of some top tens.

ANNC: Look at that run for Cameron Young.

SCOTT: They might even do something crazy, get a win and fight for a TOUR card.

ANNC: Three weeks ago he was no status, Monday qualifying, riding the wave of confidence and momentum.

SCOTT: I want to be out there on the PGA TOUR, competing to win events out there. You know, that's not the reality of it. I've never been someone to just take things lightly and have them come easy to me. I feel like that’s just the way that I’m wired.

Every four events they have what's called a reshuffle. Your priority ranking updates. It's just so much better when you have those guaranteed starts. Let's say you get off to a slow start, you know, maybe you struggle with that international travel or whatever, maybe only make one cut in the first four. Well, you know you’ve got four more events to do it. Once that ninth event comes around, they will all be dropped into a similar category as me, but they'll have had those eight events to accrue points.

PRODUCER: So will you be heading to Savannah next?

SCOTT: Yeah, I’ll be at the Monday.

COACH: Hopefully, we’re not in yet.

SCOTT: Hopefully I can get one or two of those events and try to take advantage of those. So once that eighth event drops off, that I'll have enough points to play the rest of the season.

ALEX SCOTT WRAP

SCOTT: I was like 11 spots out. So it was looking pretty dicey but I knew my chances were better than what the number looked like.

I planned on doing the Monday qualifier just in case. But once I moved into the field, yeah, I was able to withdraw and feel pretty good about myself.

**AFTER A 5-WEEK HIATUS, SCOTT'S OPPORTUNITY MATERIALIZED IN SAVANNAH, BUT HE REMAINED EVEN-PAR THROUGH TWO ROUNDS, RESULTING IN HIS 4TH CONSECUTIVE MISSED CUT.**

SCOTT: When the bad happens, you got to know it's going to go away and when the good comes, you just want to hold on to it.

Golf is a weird one. It rewards the streaky player. You might try to be consistent and take the stress away from you, but you just got to be ready because you don't really know when it's going to come.

CLUB CAR CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATE

**WITH GEORGIA ON THE MIND, EARLY-SEASON VICTOR CHANDLER PHILLIPS LOOKED TO MAINTAIN HIS MOMENTUM.**

PHILLIPS: I'm a play every week pretty much the same, just go out there and see what the course can give me. Wind was blowing fairly good, and greens were really fast. Probably fastest greens I've ever played on. I got going there in the middle.

**THE STANDINGS LEADER CAPITALIZED IN ROUND ONE WITH 6 BIRDIES, EN ROUTE TO A 3-UNDER SIXTY-NINE.**

PHILLIPS: And then the second day, I had some good birdie chances, didn't really capitalize on them.

**BUT A BOGEY ON THE 36TH HOLE DROPPED PHILLIPS ONE STROKE BELOW THE CUT LINE – WHILE WILSON FURR RALLIED TO SEE THE WEEKEND.**

FURR: Third round here in Savannah. First round got off to a tough start. Doubled my first hole and just didn't really go well from there. You know, it was just a struggle all day. Knew we needed to get hot yesterday shot five under on the front. Figured why not keep it rolling. Eight under I’m not going to complain. That was a great day and we made the cut. Yeah, it’s moving day. These are the most fun days. The crowds you know, get bigger. The you know, stakes get bigger. And it obviously means that you're playing well if you're here.

“The company that died without a name.” We always try to listen to some Holiday you know before we get going. It gets us I don't know it’s just an anthem of our generation. But I like some Green Day. “The shame a company that died without a name.” Alright, let’s go play some golf.

**ALSO AMPING UP FOR MOVING DAY: JERSEY BOY, CHRIS GOTTERUP...**

GOTTERUP: We've had some windy days here. Yeah I'm in a good spot and hopefully you know, make a move this weekend.

**BEGINNING THE DAY TIED WITH FURR AT 5-UNDER PAR, THE 2022 HASKINS AWARD WINNER FIRED A BOGEY-FREE 2-UNDER FRONT, BUT THE ALABAMA ALUM WAS HUMMING A DIFFERENT TUNE, STARTING 7-OVER THRU 10 HOLES.**

FURR: I think really big struggle in golf is it's terrible in the moment, but I think afterwards you come out a lot better than you came into it and it really renews your focus and your belief in what you're doing.

**DESPITE FALLING FROM CONTENTION, RESILIENCE WOULD DEFINE FURR'S WEEK. JUST AS HE BOUNCED BACK FROM A 3-OVER OPENING ROUND, HE SALVAGED HIS SATURDAY BY BIRDYING 4 OF HIS LAST 5 HOLES.**

**GOTTERUP'S ROUND LOST ITS HARMONY WITH SIX BOGEYS ON THE BACK-9 DERAILING HIS HOT START. WITH 3 EVENTS LEFT BEFORE THE RE-SHUFFLE, THE MIDNIGHT TRAIN DEPARTED GEORGIA. NEXT STOP: CHILE.**

STAND-UP #2

**EACH WEEK ON THE KORN FERRY TOUR, TOURNAMENT FIELDS ARE FILLED ON THE BASIS OF A PRIORITY RANKING. THE HIGHER A PLAYER'S STANDING, THE MORE EVENTS HE IS ABLE TO PLAY, AND EVERY FOUR WEEKS THE PRIORITY RANKING UNDERGOES A RESHUFFLE**.

**FOR CONDITIONAL PLAYERS, OPPORTUNITIES TO BETTER THEIR POSITION EVENTUALLY RUN DRY – AS ALEX SCOTT'S DID AFTER ANOTHER MISSED CUT IN CHILE.**

**FOR EARLY-SEASON CHAMPION CHANDLER PHILLIPS, SECURITY ATOP THE SEASON LONG STANDINGS ALLOWED HIM THE FREEDOM TO STAY STATESIDE – AND CONTINUE FINE TUNING HIS GAME.**

CHANDLER PHILLIPS AT TEXAS A&M PRACTICE FACILITY

PHILLIPS: You want to go through the full bag?

BAILEY: Yeah.

PHILLIPS: Ok

BAILEY: Just hit full shots with everything. I just want to see how everything compares.

PHILLIPS: When the hell did I start hitting it so far?

BAILEY: Last week!

PHILLIPS: When did we start playing together?

BAILEY: I think the first time was like, either 8 or 9, junior tournament.

PHILLIPS: Yeah, 8 or 9 years old.

BAILEY: It's pretty easy we get along great, our games are pretty similar, like, I think we pretty much hit it about the same exact distance, so it's like I'm caddying for myself out there essentially.

We kind of agreed right after the final stage of Q-School, which was beginning of November, and I don't know if I saw him up here again until a week before we left for Exuma and I was like I'm going to caddie the first 4 and he's going to be rusty, his game's not going to be sharp you know, and he tells me, he’s like, oh yeah, first round back I shot 63, and he goes out there and wins and I was like, gosh, it’s kind of annoying. I've been grinding all offseason and he just goes hunting, but that's what he's always done.

PHILLIPS: I hate sitting inside. Like, I hate being at the house November, December, January, that’s kind when I just straight hunt. Meet up with buddies, we go pretty much every week. Golf never even crosses my mind.

BAILEY: The mental side of the game’s probably what separates you the most at this level, and I feel like having that month and a half off just to kind of mentally reset is just super big for him.

PHILLIPS: What I go off on a 7-iron is 178, 179, and that's just you know a stock 7, and it's going 85. (Yeah) I don't work out, I don't know where it's coming from, so we're adjusting on the fly.

**PHILLIPS NOTICED THE NEED FOR SUCH ADJUSTMENTS ONE WEEK PRIOR, AS HE EARNED A PGA TOUR SPONSOR EXEMPTION IN HIS HOME STATE OF TEXAS. DESPITE MAKING THE CUT, HIS DISTANCE ISSUES COST HIM.**

ANNC: Oh my god here we go! Look at him he's like what in the world. Look down at the club to make sure he had the right number.

BAILEY: I mean dude, that thing went forever. You were juiced a little too I think. It was a little rowdy.

PHILLIPS: Rowdy and I was on a roll.

Korn Ferry you miss a little bit, you know you've got 30 feet or you've got an up and down that's not crazy hard… PGA TOUR, you miss a little bit, you could, I mean, you would have to make a 30 footer to make par, it's just the steps of moving up. Your margin of error is just none.

That's crazy I've never hit the ball this far. Ever.

BAILEY: His goal this year is to get to the PGA TOUR, and we got off to a good start, but like it's kind of cool to feel like I have a small part in helping him do that.

PHILLIPS: Nah, it's 50/50.

BAILEY: You want to pay me 50% from now on?

PHILLIPS: You have lost your mind.

ROLLOUT

**PHILLIPS REMAINS IN PRIME POSITION 7 EVENTS INTO THE SEASON, AS DOES PIERCESON COODY, WHILE PONTUS NYHOLM AND OTHER LOOK TO BETTER THEIR STANDING WITH THE FIRST RESHUFFLE OF THE YEAR LOOMING.**

PHILLIPS: If it's my week, it's my week. If it's my year, it's my year. I can’t predict the future. So it’s just kinda like, when you're in the present, just take advantage of it and just go from there.

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