***FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, 10 PGA TOUR CARDS ARE AVAILABLE TO DP WORLD TOUR PLAYERS VIA THE RACE TO DUBAI RANKINGS.***

***THESE 10 PLAYERS WILL HOLD ‘DUAL MEMBERSHIP’ AND BE ABLE TO PLAY ON BOTH TOURS, WHICH REPRESENTS A KEY MOMENT IN THEIR CAREER… THEIR HALFWAY HOUSE***

RYAN FOX: Being in the Halfway House is symbolic because I've kind of got a foot in both camps at the moment. I love playing on the DP World Tour and I'm looking forward to hopefully playing a lot more on both Tours going forward.

RYAN FOX: Ryan Fox, I'm from Auckland, New Zealand.

ANNC: A gold star performance from the New Zealander.

RYAN FOX: My career path has been very different than most. New Zealand, while it’s a fantastic country. It's a bit of a longer learning curve than it is in other places in the world.

*TITLE CARD – Pedigree Personified*

RYAN FOX: My upbringing helped shape my game because I grew up in a sporting family.

RYAN FOX: New Zealand in general, love sports. But my dad played for the All Blacks. My mum's father played cricket for New Zealand, so I always had a bat, a ball, a golf club, tennis racket, something in my hands growing up.

NAT: Oh, nice. Good shot, you hit it hard back then as well. Sure did. Nothing’s changed.

RYAN FOX: Dad played from 1984, 85 to 1993. He was regarded as one of the greats. He was the highest point scorer at the time in all black history that won the 1987 World Cup, which was the first rugby World Cup they had, and that was in New Zealand. That helped shape the competitive juices growing up.

NAT: Wow, I actually think that is my first ever set of golf clubs.

RYAN FOX; I came to golf relatively late, considering. I played golf all the way through school, but rugby and cricket were my main two sports and I didn't start competitive golf until after I left school when I was 18. A lot of guys are full time college players by then, and I certainly was a two or three handicapper that struggled to break 80 other than my home club.

RYAN FOX: New Zealand was quite unique in terms of golf courses. A lot of club courses that are short and tight so I got used to being creative. I got used to hitting it out of the trees and trying to shape shots. And I really enjoyed that creative side of the game and that's certainly still the same to this day.

RYAN FOX: Dad was fantastic when I started playing competitive golf, he would travel a lot and caddie for me and it was kind of like having an course psychologist.

RYAN FOX: I mean he obviously succeeded at the top level of rugby and I think there's a lot of parallels in all sports in that regard so I learned a lot of him about mental toughness and routines and all the process sort of golf in that respect with him, caddying for me for so many years.

RYAN FOX: I didn't turn pro till I was basically 25. It was a bit of a process to get out on to the DP World Tour. I started in an Aussie and in 2012 and I got some invites onto the Challenge Tour on 2015 and managed to get a challenge to a card and then went back on to the Challenge tour in 2016 and had a really good year.

ANNC: Look at this, it’s dream golf from a really top-class player.

RYAN FOX: That extra year really did set me up for what was a pretty good year on the DP World Tour in 2017. Keeping a card your first year out is always the goal and I did that pretty comfortably.

ANNC: One of the European Tour’s most storied events.

RYAN FOX: The Irish Open hurt a lot in 2018.

ANNC: Oh, it’s got a chance. Well done what a fantastic putt by Russell Knox.

RYAN FOX: Russell Knox holed two 40 footers from about the same spot, which is almost unheard of.

ANNC: It’s looking good again, it’s looking good again, oh he’s done it. I don’t believe it.

RYAN FOX: After I got over the initial hurt, I felt like at that point that I could compete.

ANNC: You’ve got to be joking.

RYAN FOX: It was the first real shot I had at winning out here and obviously had someone do something really, really special to beat me. And I took a lot out of that.

ANNC: Ryan Fox taps it in and he’s broken through.

RYAN FOX: Winning the World Super 6 at Perth was an amazing feeling and got it done pretty comfortably in the final against Adrian. It's kind of a strange feeling not getting to walk up the last and soak it all in but it was a massive goal of mine to win on a major Tour.

ANNC: A first time winner on the European Tour.

RYAN FOX: Last year was an amazing year, it had been a tough couple of years with COVID, and after those two years I'm not sure if I still had it and to win early last year took the pressure off the rest of the year.

ANNC: Fox has gone wire to wire in Ras Al Khaimah, and that will feel so sweet.

RYAN FOX: and I put myself in contention a lot more and then to win Dunhill Links at the end of the year going round St. Andrews and coming down 18 with a lead is probably one of the best feelings in golf.

ANNC: And Fox has his place history, he is a winner at St. Andrews.

RYAN FOX: Cemented me in the top 50 in the world got me into the Masters and a bunch of the big PGA Tour events for this year and it was just a year to dream of.

RYAN FOX: I never thought at my age of 35 that I'd get to that point. It had probably pass me by a little bit. Just getting onto the DP World Tour, having a couple of wins out here was not necessarily my ceiling, but I was pretty happy with that. And to have a year like that and to give myself the opportunity I've had this year was just amazing.

***WITH DUAL MEMBERSHIP IN HIS SIGHTS, FOX IS NOT ONLY CONTINUING HIS ESTEEMED FAMILY SPORTS PEDIGREE...***

***BUT ALSO FORGING HIS OWN LEGACY IN GOLF.***

RYAN FOX: My experiences on the PGA Tour have told me that I can compete with the best guys in the world.

RYAN FOX: Golf is just getting stronger and stronger at the moment. We've had so many young guys out here. It was just kind of nice to prove that as an older guy, I can still compete a little bit with those young guys and it's nice to take that opportunity.

ANNC: How about that for Ryan Fox, he’s a Rolex Series winner, he’s the BMW PGA Champion.

RYAN FOX: And I'm in a really good position now. I've got an opportunity to do it on both Tours and I still love playing out on the DP World Tour, but would love to be able to play a lot more in the States so going forward if I can obviously get a PGA Tour card is the main goal at the moment, but I'd love to be able to keep dual membership and play both Tours and being one of the best players in the world.