SOT: He's a tall man, he’s got the talent.

CHRISTO LAMPRECHT: Being six eight is not normal for golf. It's definitely an adjustment, there's no doubt about that.

CHRISTO LAMPRECHT: The height runs in the family, that's for sure.

SOT: It was just amazing to see this man growing and not stopping.

SOT: You could see there's something happening. He's getting taller.

CHRISTO LAMPRECHT: I grew just more than a foot in high school.

SOT: He's got a big personality. He's got the length. I think he would stack up against anybody.

CHRISTO LAMPRECHT: Using the God given talent that I've got and using that to the best of my ability. I don't know what my peak holds yet.

CHRISTO LAMPRECHT: My dad's side of the family is originally from Germany and moved down South Africa a long time ago. We've got a lot of interesting history in George. My Grandfather, he was a very well-renowned doctor and opened up the hospital and became mayor after that. It's a childhood I fondly remember, it was a really amazing time in my life.

NAT: It’s called a braai, it's kind of a similar version of barbecue. It's just on wood instead of gas. We're going to mainly just cook some, some lamb chops and sausage. That's pretty much like a go to thing for me and for most people in South Africa.

CHRISTO LAMPRECHT: The word braai means a lot more than just cooking meat on wood. it's more of a kind of social thing. It's a gathering, it’s family gathering.

CHRISTO LAMPRECHT: A lot of who I am is because of my parents. I was brought up the right way. I've kind of been taught and engrained that certain things are more important than golf and success I have on the golf course.

*WHILE CHRISTO LAMPRECHT REMINISCES WITH HIS LOVED ONES IN HIS HOMETOWN OF GEORGE, SOUTH AFRICA*

*HE FINDS COMFORT IN FAMILIAR TERRITORY AS THE TALL EXPECTATIONS OF HIS FIRST MASTERS APPEARANCE IS ON THE HORIZON*

*TO PROVE THE SUCCESS THROUGH HIS EARLY DEVELOPMENT AND THE AMATEUR RANKS WILL CARRY OVER TO THE NEXT LEVEL.*

MOM SOT: When he started walking, he was just after a ball and he was a very active little boy and everybody just loved him but strong willed for sure and go getter you could see that.

CHRISTO LAMPRECHT: My dad fell in love with the game when I was born. I was in the golf cart before I could remember. Golf kind of became our bonding thing for a long time. I was the youngest and the only son.

DAD SOT: We had a big tree, and he was trying to get the ball over the tree. So I said, you can hit it over the tree, then you can come and play with me. He hit it over the tree, but he hit it into the neighbor's car. He dented the car.

*THE AREA IS RICH IN GOLF HISTORY AND DEVELOPED SOME OF THE GAMES FINEST, THANKS TO THE MANY COURSES THAT ALSO SHAPED LAMPRECHT’S GAME.*

DAD SOT: We had a rental in Fancourt and that was also great for Christo in that sense because they had a proper culture and great facilities there.

NATS: It’s a massive piece of property, it’s a true championship golf course, no blade is not perfectly cut. It’s special that we have this kind of thing, it’s a special place for me every time I play, it doesn’t get old.

*INCLUDING A NOTABLE COURSE WITH TIES TO A SOUTH AFRICAN GOLF LEGEND WHO ALSO HAD AN IMPACT ON HIM.*

NATS TRANSLATED: Christo: “Sorry to bother you so late in the afternoon” Ernie: “How are things brother?” Christo: "All good, sir, nothing to complain about.

CHRISTO LAMPRECHT: Luckily spent some time in holiday at a beach called Harold's Bay. My uncle has a family beach house there and it's Just around the corner from Ernie's and his dad's. I got to kind of to see the other side of Ernie Els, it was really special, be around someone that I looked up to back then. He was my role model.

ERNIE ELS: We go from house to house down there. We all kind of family. It's unbelievable to come from this little town here and to have this kind of talent come out of this area is quite incredible. He has that big time game and it's only going to propel him. He's done all the right things. It's now just to pull the trigger whenever that's going to be.

CHRISTO LAMPRECHT: It's incredible how an idol or a person of interest can make that big of an influence on a kid.

ERNIE ELS: I’ve got a foundation. Gary Player has a foundation. We’ve just got a really good system in place in South Africa starting from grassroot level of the game.

NATS: It’s a big part of why I love golf, is this area and how I grew up playing here.

CHRISTO LAMPRECHT: Start of high school; I started joining the Louis Oosthuizen Foundation. The academy was founded here, we’d come out here and practice a bunch.

PETRIE SOT: The Academy way back in 2009 for creating opportunities for youngsters growing up in the area.

NATS: How about you guys go grab your clubs and we’ll hit one. Come on, let’s go.

CHRISTO LAMPRECHT: That gave me an amazing structure to be better and constantly practice and fine tune my game.

NATS: *\*SWING\** oh it’s better than mine, that’s perfect right there.

CHRISTO LAMPRECHT: Growing up in South Africa and probably not having all the opportunities that an American kid has a kid that wants to do better and grow his talent. It was so instrumental and helped me grow as a person and I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for that.

PETRIE SOT: It's like a family. They must never stop having fun, because if you have fun on the golf course, then you play better. If you play better, you get more confidence. And eventually you'll become a great golfer, like Christo.

NATS: There we go good stuff *\*HIGH FIVE\**

CHRISTO LAMPRECHT: It’ll be a big goal for me in my life where if I can change one kid's life by giving him opportunity or just giving him extra time of day, that's really important. Giving back and changing other people's lives.

NATS: Pinnacle Point is the Pebble beach of South Africa. Kingswood kind of my playground, I grew up and I enjoyed playing here for me it was a point to come out here to play around, fool around do my own thing.

MOM SOT: He is very fond of discipline and routine. We never had to actually tell him to go and practice and do things like that.

NATS: Somehow my mom dug them out last night. I’ve got my second set that I started playing with. We’re gonna hit some shots with these on the range and pretend I’m a four-year-old again.

NATS: That’s actually not bad I’m really impressed. It’s the whippiest thing. I might break it if I actually swing hard.

CHRISTO LAMPRECHT: When I got to high school in eighth grade, I kind of started realizing that golf was always number one for me, if I really want to make it work.

NAT: I might put this in the bag *\*SWING\** that’s actually not bad, it really isn’t.

CHRISTO LAMPRECHT: Growing that much, I felt like my swing changed every week. I mean, my clubs changed every six months. So everything about my golf swing changed constantly.

CHRISTO LAMPRECHT: All my irons are an inch and half longer, which is as long as they can go. If you make them any longer than that they get uncontrollable. My three wood is stock and driver is a quarter inch longer.

CHRISTO LAMPRECHT: Obviously, golf is a sport of ebbs and flows the difference between good and bad was so big at the time.

CHRISTO LAMPRECHT: Probably from the age of 16, 17. I started playing really, really good golf and I kind of start realizing that college was an option for me. I was lined up for like four recruiting visits at the time and Georgia Tech was not part of it. Norrie Steyn, he's on CGF College Golf Fellowship he gave me a call and said you got to come visit Atlanta and come visit Georgia Tech.

COACH SOT: South Africa, I’ve spent two years there on a church mission so I have an affinity for the country. They walked in I welcomed them with some Affrikaans we kind of just hit it off.

CHRISTO LAMPRECHT: I learned that he spent some time in South Africa that was really special, I was kind of set in stone after that. I wasn't going to go anywhere else.

COACH SOT: I really can't think of very many people that I've watched that have that much ability. I've never had a guy here with the serving attitude that he possesses, it's a really selfless type of an attitude, he's been a tremendous leader and a teammate.

*CURRENTLY SECOND IN THE PGA TOUR UNIVERSITY RANKING, LAMPRECHT HAS HIGH HOPES OF CAPTURING THE TOP SPOT IN ORDER TO SECURE PGA TOUR MEMBERSHIP.*

DAD SOT: That’s his biggest goal, the number one spot. You need to manage that. You need to make sure that he's on top form for the last months. He knows what he has to do and we just behind him.

CHRISTO SOT: There's one semester left and there's a lot on the line, so it’s just keep on doing what I'm doing. If I don't get the top one spot, I think the confidence I have in myself, I will get to the PGA TOUR if I work hard enough.

MOM SOT: We are very proud because he works very hard.

*LAMPRECHT’S POSITION IN THE RANKING IS DUE TO HIS CONSISTENCY THROUGH HIS COLLEGE CAREER*

*AND A WIN AT THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP ON THE GLOBAL STAGE.*

CHRISTO LAMPRECHT: I won one college event in my two and a half years prior to that. So, I was getting close to really breaking through. I had five second place finishes that year. I was playing a lot of good golf, but just kind of not getting it done but the stars kind of started aligning that week. The rest is kind of history.

DAD SOT: I've experienced something similar because he won the South African Amateur in Port Elizabeth and he’s still the youngest ever to have won that tournament but there I saw he can grind it out.

*LAMPRECHT’S WIN AT THE AMATEUR EARNED HIM EXEMPTIONS INTO THE GAMES MOST COVETED PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TO TEST HIS GAME AMONG THE WORLD’S ELITE.*

*HE STOOD UP TO THE TALL TASK BY LEADING AFTER THE FIRST ROUND OF THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.*

ANNC: Third shot for Lamprecht at 14 how about that, how about the amateur.

CHRISTO LAMPRECHT: It'll be a long time before I forget that Thursday afternoon.

DAD SOT: Everyone was phoning me, I went look at this, it was mind boggling.

CHRISTO LAMPRECHT: It was so amazing to see my name at the top of the leaderboard walking down 18, it truly was something special. It was a motivational boost to me that, hey, my good golf is good enough to compete against anyone in the world. I was leading a major and that's got a partial effect to why I didn't play that great on Friday. That was a big lesson I learned of how to deal with that. We'll put it to test on at Augusta, but I'm an amateur playing the Masters, very few people can say that.

NATS: I'm doing the lazy method throwing it in and pretty easy. I'm not a big cooker, but I can, I can braai. So we're all done cooking. So let's dig in. It's going to be a little steamy action here. Let’s eat.

MOM SOT: We have strong values in the house and that we taught him to be humble and not to think that his talents is his own. Actually, he gets it from God.

PETRIE SOT: God decided many years ago that Christo will become a pro because it's a God given talent.

ERNIE ELS: You've got the talent you've proven you can play with the big guys. You've done it in college, you've done it in the pro level, your talent is going to take care of it.

MOM SOT: I just want our son to be happy, it's not all about winning and fame and money. It's being happy and living your life.

DAD SOT: You mustn't play golf to make money. Must play golf because he likes it and he loves golf, enjoy golf and ensure that that he gives back.

CHRISTO LAMPRECHT: Playing to the best of my ability and using God given talent that I've got, reaching my peak, whether that is 14 majors or winning one PGA TOUR event. I don't know what my peak holds, but if I can reach the peak of my abilities and 40 years from now sit on a chair in a porch somewhere in my little house, and say, hey, I've worked as hard as I could have. That's true success for me.

**Lowers:**

Christo Lamprecht / Christo Lamprecht’s Father

Ronel Lamprecht / Christo Lamprecht’s Mother

Petrie Cronje / CEO Louis57 Academy

**Locators:**

George, South Africa

Fancourt / Blanco, George, South Africa

Pinnacle Point Golf Club / Mossel Bay, South Africa

Kingswood Golf Estate / George, South Africa

The Amateur Championship

The Open Championship

Botlierskop Private Game Reserve / Little Brak River, South Africa