**MASTER SCRIPT – “One Shot Away”**

**PGA TOUR Originals**

**COLD OPEN:**

JIM NANTZ SOT: These are stars in the making.

NANTZ SOT: The confidence is rising and I’m excited watching it.

ANNC call: PGA TOUR cards on the line. Dreams are on the line for so many of these players.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER SOT: It’s kind of the proving grounds. You need to have avenues for players to come up and get access to the PGA TOUR and the Korn Ferry Tour is the best place for that to happen.

KEVIN PRISE SOT: It’s make or break. One shot away from changing your life.

For professional golfers the Korn Ferry Tour is a gateway to their dreams.

NANTZ SOT: Korn Ferry Tour has never been more important than it is right now.

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**SHOW SET-UP**

JAMES NITTIES SOT:It all comes down to one glaring number. It's the top 30. The top 30 will then progress to the PGA TOUR at the end of the Korn Ferry Tour season.

VO: PLAYERS STARTED THE YEAR OFF IN THE BAHAMAS, AND QUICKLY REALIZED IT WASN’T A VACATION...

VO: THEN THEY MADE A TOUR OF SOUTH AMERICA….

VO: NOW THEY’RE BACK IN THE U.S. BATTLING IT OUT FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON…

VO: WE FOLLLOW SIX PLAYERS ALONG THEIR JOURNEY TO THE PGA TOUR…

**CHARACTER FEATURE:**

JAMES NITTIES SOT:

Aldrich Potgieter. Who is he? He's an explosive superstar.

KEVIN PRISE SOT:

Players that play with him rave about his natural talent, his raw power. He's already shot 59 this year. He already won in Abaco, becoming the youngest player to win a PGA Tour sanctioned event since 1931, which is pretty crazy.

NITTES SOT: He just needs to keep the ship steady and he’s going to be on the PGA TOUR.

FRED BIONDI: My name is Fred Biondi (in Portuguese).

KEVIN PRISE SOT

Fred Biondi moved to America from Brazil, age 15, decorated college career. He's actually had a few sponsor invites on the PGA Tour. He's shown that his game can translate to that level.

KEVIN PRISE SOT

Cooper Dossey first team all-American from Baylor.

COOPER DOSSEY NATS:  
I’ve had 45 people in my family graduate from Baylor.

OFF camera: 45?!

COOPER: Yeah 45. We definitely bleed green and golf.

PRISE SOT: He spent a couple of years on the mini tours, but made his way through Q school last fall. Now it's time to see how his game stacks up.

KEVIN PRISE SOT

Ross Steelman - he's a guy out of Georgia Tech strong college career.

ROSS STEELMAN NATS: This isn’t bad here at all. This is pretty cool.

PRISE SOT: He's a cool case of a middle-America kid, close knit family. They travel all around to junior tournaments, kind of reminiscent of Scottie Scheffler in his family back in the day.

KEVIN PRISE SOT

Sam Choi made a quick splash, kind of gregarious player, fun, fearless playing style.

SAM CHOI NAT: I like throwing jokes when I play golf.

JAMES NITTIES: It’s a huge move for Sam to come from Korea to play golf in America. He’s authentic, he has his father caddying for him. It’s fun to watch.

PRISE SOT: This season that's been a struggle. Missed five of his first cuts so getting to that point in the year he kind of needs to turn some things around.

KEVIN PRISE SOT

Tim Whiting. He's from Sweden. Like Ludwig Oberg, who's burst on the scene on the PGA TOUR But Tim, kind of a funny story. He played hockey growing up. Still kind of a dream, but in the meantime, pretty good at golf, too.

PRISE SOT: Everyone is good enough to make it on the PGA TOUR but who’s going to make it? We don’t know and that’s great about it. The chaos is going to unfold throughout the season and we’ll see how the story unfolds.

**ALDRICH POTGIETER FEATURE:**

VO: ALDRICH POTGIETER HAS ALREADY BROKE BACK-TO-BACK RECORDS THIS SEASON….BECOMING THE YOUNGEST PLAYER TO WIN IN KORN FERRY HISTORY.

Aldrich Potgieter NATs: I’m just happy to get to play here and to make history that’s another bonus on top of the win.

VO:… IF THAT WIN WASN’T ENOUGH… HE ALSO SHOT A RECORD SCORE OF 59 IN COLOMBIA…WITH HIS DAD THERE TO CHEER HIM ON.

VO: …MEANWHILE, BETWEEN TOURNAMENTS, HE’S LOOKING FOR A NEW PLACE TO CALL HOME.

ALDRICH POTGIETER:

Fishing rods, I don’t travel without these, they are must come with at all times, especially going to the Bahamas and Florida, that’s kind of the fishing mecca. I’ll pop one up and show you what they look like…

POTGIETER SOT:

My name is Aldrich Potgieter and I play on the Korn Ferry tour.

POTGIETER SOT:

It's been a short but quick journey playing on the Korn Ferry Tour I’m just 19 years old so I'm trying to get my head around everything and how it works. It’s been awesome. A great experience.

POTGIETER SOT:

I’ve played the Masters, the U.S. Open. The Open, Rocket Mortgage…

ANNC call: Aldrich Potgieter and he knocks it in!

POTGIETER SOT

Off the tee I think I'm probably one of the strongest players out there. I feel like with the distance I have off the tee helps. It brings a big advantage to my game knowing that I'm going to hit a lot of wedges into the greens. The biggest thing for me to work on, on my game is trusting that I have the right shot, that I'm committing to the shot 100%.

POTGIETER SOT

My grandma actually had a dream that I was going to be a great golfer one day and she actually told my parents to go buy me a golf set.

POTGIETER SOT

I got a little Tiger Woods set I started going to the range with Dad. We're both pretty competitive sportsman.

POTGIETER SOT

Traveling with my dad, having him by my side, helping me all the way. It's been such a great journey for both of us.

HEINRICH POTGIETER SOT

He loves to have fun. We like going fishing. When he missed the cut at his first event, we went fishing in the Bahamas. We caught four sharks.

POTGIETER SOT

There's been so many legends that came from South Africa in the golf game. Gary Player, Ernie, even Tim Clark.

POTGIETER SOT

it's just an awesome going to the golf course and seeing your idols and thinking that you're playing golf with them. Tim Clark he won players and he's playing on the PGA TOUR over the years

POTGIETER SOT

He's such a great guy and invited me to come and stay with him in Arizona.

NATS: Tim Clark showing Aldrich his memorabilia

POTGIETER SOT

He is fun to be around with as well and to go out and practice putting comps

NATs: Laughing

POTGIETER SOT:

He’s such a playful guy.

TIM CLARK SOT

Aldrich has that special something. When he hits it, it's a different sound. I think he has the potential to be a top, top player in the world.

TIM CLARK SOT

Everyone wants to get to the PGA Tour as quickly as possible. And I got to play the Korn Ferry Tour for two years. And for me, I felt like it was a great stepping stone. I don't believe I was probably ready for TOUR golf just yet, so I felt like it allowed me to get used to travel, everything that goes into being a tour player without all that major pressure of being on the big stage right away.

TIM CLARK SOT:

I think he's in a great spot right now and I've told him you're going to learn so much here in this next year that's going to just carry forward.

POTGIETER SOT:

He's such a great mentor to me and I can always pick up the phone and give him a call.

TIM CLARK SOT: I’m always happy to help in any way that I can.

ALDRICH POTGIETER SOT

I think the biggest goal that I have is to write Tiger Woods record. To get on the PGA TOUR as quickly as possible and get the experience.

**KORN FERRY TOUR SET-UP:**

ANNC: Scottie Scheffler is a two-time champion on the Korn Ferry Tour.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER SOT

Playing on the Korn Ferry Tour for a year is how I learned how to be a professional. In college you’re playing golf tournaments but it’s a lot different when you’re playing week to week, learning how to travel, and learning how to manage your schedule as a pro.

COLT KNOST SOT

You're your own boss. It’s some of the best times you’ll ever have. Most guys don’t make a ton of money they're out there rooming together. Literally some of your best friends are the guys you’re competing against.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER SOT

There are plenty of guys who came up through the Korn Ferry Tour like myself, Max Homa did it a couple times, JT did as well

JAMES NITTIES SOT:

These are players who not only cut their teeth on the Korn Ferry Tour but have gone onto become superstars.

MAX HOMA SOT

It's hard. You see people every year fight to get their card through Korn Ferry and it is it's tough. The talent is so deep and the scores can be so low and you really have to play some great golf for a whole season just to have a chance to get your card. It took a lot of mental fortitude. Just the grind of it, I think it builds character.

**TIM WIDING FEATURE:**

WIDING SOT:

Good morning. On our way to the cold plunge. This is something my wife and I do pretty much every morning. It's a nice, refreshing start to the day.

WIDING SOT:

Currently it's 41 degrees, so we should do a little warmer, but it makes it cold for you guys this morning.

WIDING SOT:

Set the timer for two, three and a half minutes. So in the beginning, I'm trying to really focus on the breathing, trying to get my body to adjust to the cold water. The first 30, 40 seconds is the toughest part. After that, your body kind of goes numb and they're not going to say you get used to it, but it gets a little easier. Every time I hear that timer go off, I'm very excited and ready to start the day. I usually end up by day from my head in the water.

WIDING SOT:

All right. Ready to start the day and head to the golf course.

WIDING SOT:

On the way to the golf course, San Luis Obispo Country Club is where I play golf every day.

WIDING SOT:

It’s a little bit windy but the sun is shining, so we'll have a great day. It takes a little more skill. That's why I really like to wind. So that added challenge is something I definitely look forward to.

WIDING SOT: Something I have on the bag with me every week is my New York Rangers towel. Big fan of my New York Rangers. I have my little TW stamp. I don’t know why Tiger stole my initials.

WIDING SOT: This is a drill I tend to do back home. I tend to take my hands out a little bit. So this drill kind of helps me keep the hands a little more on plane. Also I make sure that when I'm coming down that I'm not that steep, that I'm actually coming in a little more from the inside. So when I do it, it kind of looks like this. Yeah. Nice little draw.

WIDING SOT:

I've always been a good ball striker. I’ve been very comfortable with an iron in my hand, sometimes more than a wedge. I think just the nature of being from Sweden, you spend hours and hours in the winter months just working on your game indoors. You don’t really see the ball flying much so you’re able to perfect your swing a little bit.

WIDING SOT:

I felt like I needed to do something to kind of reach a higher level and started working with a mental coach back home.

WIDING SOT:

I’m very impatient. t's kind of nice to have someone bring it back to the basics. We talked about the process on the golf course, and that's been a huge help. And just being able to have someone to talk to. Golf can be very lonely. So kind of having that team around you has been a huge support system for me.

WIDING SOT:

I meditate a little bit that’s something me and my mental coach talked about kind of finding inner space, trying to focus on the breathing and just let the thoughts be. And same thing on the golf course especially in pressure situations be able to quiet down and accept that the thoughts are there and be one with it.

WIDING SOT:

If you look at my putting, that's one thing that I've been working more on this year with my mental coach. If I can combine good ball striking with good putting, I know I can be up contending every week.

WIDING SOT:

Hockey has been a huge part of my life. I fell in love with the New York Rangers as a young kid, I always dreamt about being in New York. I'm a lefty hockey and righty golf, so I feel like that's helped to kind of with that coordination aspect.

WIDING SOT:

Hockey and golf are very different hockey are very fast paced, it's a team sport. Golf it's slow. You have a time to think and process. Hockey is quick and you have to be more reactionary. I just love playing hockey and it brings me joy, so that's why I'm still doing it.

WIDING SOT:

It's been very inspiring seeing some of these younger Swedish guys have success already on the PGA TOUR. Ludvig Aberg I went to high school with him and seeing his success has been incredible.

ANNC call: Another goal reached for the 24-year-old Swedish sensation. The future of Swedish golf is looking very good on the men’s and women’s side.

WIDING SOT: I almost get goosebumps thinking about it, but getting a PGA TOUR card that would be a dream come true. That's always been the goal to play on the PGA TOUR and even play a Ryder Cup for Europe or represent Sweden in an Olympics. Swedish golf - there's a bright future and I would love to be part of that.

**FRED BIONDI FEATURE:**

JAMES NITTIES SOT:

When you’re on the Korn Ferry Tour and you go to a PGA TOUR, It's all about creating motivation. Walking around outside the ropes as a spectator, it only builds that chip on your shoulder, that hunger to want to be there.

FRED BIONDI: It’s a pretty easy tournament to come to. It’s one tournament coming to watch is pretty cool.

FRED BIONDI Nats: It’s going to be chaos to get in there.

BIONDI Nats: Sick! Lots of gator fans here. It’s nice.

JAMES NITTIES SOT:

Biondi making the decision to move to Jacksonville where a lot of PGA TOUR players practice. It’s a hotbed of talent and shows where his head is at. I think it’s a decision that’s a smart one for a young player to make.

BILLY HORSCHEL:

Fred Biondi is an unbelievable player and even better person. Just to see how hard he works at the game how much he cares. He’s such a professional already. He’s gonna have a big career.

BIONDI SOT:

I know what it takes. The competition at this level is higher. Good golf is good golf everywhere.

ANNC call: From Brazil, Fred Biondi…

BIONDI SOT: My goal every day is just to get better. I want to win. I want to play well.

ANNC SOUND: FRED BIONDI FIREWORKS IN PALM BEACH

BIONDI SOT: I got to watch Scottie at Sawgrass. I got to see it for myself what greatness really looks like. He wasn’t on the Korn Ferry too long ago grinding like we are. It motivates you to be like that. I learned a ton. I think I have a lot to improve but at the same time it’s definitely a process right.

NITTIES: I think he’ll get his PGA TOUR card in the next couple seasons. He’s just too good.

FRED BIONDI SOT: The number one thing I'm looking for this season is to get better and just to be in contention on Sunday and stick to my process. And if I think if I do those things right, I will be successful in the end of the season. It would mean the world to me representing my country with the Brazilian flag next to my name. Not only for myself but for the people and kids back in Brazil that look up to me.

**SAVANNAH CLUB CAR FEATURE:**

JAMES NITTIES SOT: The Club Car Championship at the landings, Golf and Athletic Club, that is one of my favorite courses, one of my favorite venues. Based on the scores it tests every player

KEVIN PRISE SOT: it’s first domestic event of the season on the Korn Ferry tour, players are happy to be back in the States.

NATS: ROSS STEELMAN: IT’S A PRETTY COOL COURSE, DON’T YOU THINK WAYNE?

WAYNE: “YEAH YEAH”

FOLDER: CC TOURNEY ACTION (UNDER JASON’S FOLDER)

NATS: DOSSEY: LAST SPOT ON THE GRASS

“I GOT THE LAST SPOT ON THE GRASS”

FRED BIONDI SOT:

The course is in amazing shape, it’s the best one we’ve played so far//there some scoring opportunities, but it can also be kind of tricky.

JAMES NITTIES SOT:

for a lot of these players, it's the first event. Where it doesn't feel like a holiday and it actually feels like the start of the season.

PRISE SOT: The landings often outside a club kind of close to the marsh and the wind is whipping out here. So players really need to be careful with their distance controlling their speeds on the Greens as they try to navigate this test right here on the marsh.

VO …FIVE OF OUR SIX CHARACTERS WERE IN THE FIELD AND STARTED OFF THE TOURNAMENT STRONG

ANNC call Nitties: “Steelman out of PGA TOUR University. Explosive player”

VO: WHILE SAM CHOI, WHO DIDN’T QUALIFY, WAITED FOR A CHANCE TO COMPETE IN FLORIDA AT THE NEXT KORN FERRY EVENT.

VO: ALDRICH POTGIETER SHOWED HIS STRENGTH FROM THE TEE…

VO: BUT IT WAS HIS PUTTING THAT KEPT HIM OUT OF CONTENTION…

ANNC call: “He can’t get his puts started on the right line today”

ANNC CALL “These guys are having a bit of trouble”

ANNC CALL: “Scoring all over the place in these windy conditions”

ANNC CALLL “You start to miss cuts and that’s all you can think about”

VO: ALL FIVE PLAYERS FELL SHORT OF MAKING THE CUT ON FRIDAY…A TOUGH WAKE-UP CALL AT THEIR FIRST DOMESTIC EVENT.

(LEADERBOARD GFX).

VO: POTGIETER WAS FOURTH IN THE KORN FERRY TOUR POINTS LIST THROUGH THE CLUB CAR CHAMPIONSHIP.

STEELMAN AND WIDING WERE INSIDE THE TOP 30, ON TRACK TO EARN A PGA TOUR CARD AT THE END OF THE SEASON.

VO: DESPITE NOT MAKING THE CUT ALDRICH POTGIETER WASTED NO TIME AND HEADED BACK TO THE PRACTICE RANGE, LOOKING AHEAD TO HIS NEXT TOURNAMENT IN FLORIDA…

POTGIETER SOT: I guess missing the cut is never nice. You've got some good facilities and, a good place to go practice at on the weekend, Spending the next couple of days trying to get your head around what you need to do Instead of just heading back home.

POTGIETER SOT: This week was pretty tough. I struggled a lot on the greensbut overall, I feel like the game was really good. I feel like I have to fine tune some stuff but having next week off playing in Florida week after. I'm excited to see what that course is like and try and put up a good number.

**LECOM PREVIEW:**

SAM CHOI SOT: “Woke up at 4 in the morning quick shower, airport to airport to airport. That’s the life of a Korn Ferry Tour member. You’re watching it right now.”

KEVIN PRISE SOT: The Korn Ferry Tour heads to Florida for the week outside Sarasota, Lakewood National.

JAMES NITTIES SOT: LECOM Suncoast Classic it's the last event before the reshuffle.

KEVIN PRISE SOT: It's a course where you really have to go low, wide fairways, sprawling greens.

KEVIN PRISE SOT: The last five winners are all on the PGA Tour now//it's a//indicative test of who might be able to get out there.

JAMES NITTIES SOT: A lot of different stories coming out of there but the pressure is so intense because making that cut will then open doors for them.

KEVIN PRISE SOT: Sam Choi, played his fifth year at Pepperdine and got out on PGA Tour Canada last summer and finished second. He desperately wants to get in, make the cut, earn some points.

JAMES NITTIES SOT: Keep an eye on it because when you see guys playing that don't have full status, that are in the reshuffle//they know that if I don't make the cut this week//knowing that the kind of inconsistency of the next couple of months of their schedule//they're just going to fall further and further behind.

KEVIN PRISE SOT:

Winning a Korn Ferry tournament is great. It's super fun but any players out here. Would trade in one Korn Ferry Tour trophy for a PGA Tour card, which is the ultimate prize.