**[SEGMENT 1]**

SAM CHOI SOT: Woke up at four in the the morning. Quick shower. Airport to airport to airport and to rental car place. It's a life of Korn Ferry Tour member. You're watching it right now.

JIM NANTZ SOT: These are our stars in the making. The confidence is rising, and I'm excited watching it.

ANNC: 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 Korn Ferry Tour, it's the gateway to your dream.

JIM NANTZ SOT: Korn Ferry Tour, it’s never been more important than it is right now.

JAMES NITTIES SOT: Korn Ferry Tour is an amazing place to play golf, but it is a grind. It's not the PGA Tour. There's no courtesy cars, there's no private jets.

SAM CHOI SOT: It was a quick turnaround, for sure. I got a phone call from Chris, my agent on, Friday that I'm in for this tournament.

SAM CHOI SOT: I'm actually coming from Las Vegas this is first time that this kind of situation happened to me. So, I'm still kind of adjusting.

SAM CHOI SOT: I actually sat next to this little kid I was taking a nap and he spilled water all over me. Twice but it was fun other than that.

SAM CHOI SOT: Now to look for the golf bag. The important one. Thank you so much, we got them, that’s big, let’s go.

SAM CHOI SOT: The plan is I'm going to hit some straight, straight balls keeping the fairway. Do your thing, make birdies, and we become good friends. And you’re in for next week too, you know. that easy, let’s go. Oh hey.

SAM CHOI SOT: I feel like this tournament is really big for me because especially having conditional status. I’m very hungry. I need to get out there, make many birdies as possible but at the same time, I cannot put too much pressure.

SAM CHOI SOT: Morning guys we’re here in Florida day one. Let’s go to the golf course.

JAMES NITTIES SOT: Sam Choi out of Pepperdine turns pro in 2023. He came from PGA tour university, finished 11th there that got him onto the PGA Tour Canada

SAM CHOI SOT: I'll be the Uber driver for 35 minutes. I'm a good driver.

JAMES NITTIES SOT: he's the type of guy that can rail off very, very low numbers and a guy that can just win out of the blue because he has that kind of talent.

SAM CHOI SOT: Good morning, how’s it going? You guys all checked in and everything? I just got here, I’m about to check in.

SAM CHOI SOT: My nickname is big Sammy. I like to have smile all the time make my day a little better. Make others day a little better.

SAM CHOI SHOT: Everyone's looking at me like, who is this superstar? Yeah, I'm him, I’m that guy.

SAM CHOI SOT: That’s my Korean big brother right there.

SAM CHOI SOT: I get nervous when there’s a camera here.

SAM CHOI SOT: It was in Windsor, Canada it was like the sixth tournament in. I feel like my game is there but I couldn’t get the job done.

SAM CHOI SOT: one of my buddy in Korea texted me, goes, I dream about you last night and you're holding a trophy. I was like I'll play some good golf for you. And then I won a golf tournament. It was really cool especially my dad on the bag. I needed a win.

JAMES NITTIES SOT: finishes second on PGA Tour Canada points list that gets him the first four guaranteed starts on the Korn Ferry tour.

SAM CHOI SOT: I miss four cuts go into that Argentina. During the second round I was one behind the cut, there's miscommunications between me and my dad. So I hit a wrong club, didn’t get up or down for bogey. So I’m like alright dad are we really gonna miss another cut? Like come on you know. He was like chill kid alright we have a par five coming up. Anything can happen. I had a great tee ball on 18. It went actually way too far so I was behind trees. He’s like, trust me, I'm feeling very confident of this shot. it was like 200 yards. I had to hook it like 30, 40 yards. I saw it landed on the green. I have a chance to make the cut now in front of all these people.

SAM CHOI SOT: Vamos. As soon as that ball going in, I yell Vamos and let's go. I made the cut, pretty fun.

SAM CHOI SOT: Starting from college it was me and my dad all the time but my dad’s in Korea right now. I wish my dad was here because he's my role model. I always look up to him and I feel very safe, very confident when he is caddying for me.

JAMES NITTIES SOT: He’s not sure if he’s going to get into anymore events, cause he’s only made one cut out of six starts.

SAM CHOI SOT: I'm at the bottom of the leaderboard. This is something I've never experienced starting from my junior golf, college golf. It's a humbling moment for sure. There's going to be a lot of ups and downs and I know I'm hitting the downs right now, but I feel like my game's ready.

ROSS STEELMAN: Thank you, sir.

KEVIN PRISE SOT: Ross Steelman believes in his talent and his resume validates that but now it's time to go and prove it.

NAT: First on the tee from Colombia Missouri, Ross Steelman.

ANNC: Cooper Dossey.

JAMES NITTIES SOT: This is a kid that coming out, a lot of people thought he would be the next big thing.

ANNC: This is a nice player, has a bit of scrappiness to him.

KEVIIN PRISE SOT: Now it's time to see how his game stacks up against the crop of guys out here.

JAMES NITTIES SOT: Aldrich Potgieter, who is he? He’s a explosive superstar.

ANNC: He is showing the power he has.

JAMES NITTIES SOT: Not only can he play good aT tough golf courses but he knows how to go low. All this while being 19 years old.

ANNC: Biondi, a Florida Gator!

JAMES NITTIES SOT: Fred Biondi very calm, collect. Never up, never down.

ANNC: Really good opportunity this week for Biondi to see how he matches up.

ANNC: Tim Widing, let’s see if he can pay it off, and he does just that. Momentum is key.

SAM CHOI SOT: I’m glad that I’m out here but I know I have to play some good golf.

NAT: From Seoul South Korea, Sam Choi.

KEVIN PRISE SOT: It’s been a struggle. Missed five of his first six cuts so getting to that point of the year where he kinda needs to turn some things around.

SAM CHOI SOT: The first three holes, I played pretty good. I thought I was playing really well, but then a couple of bad drives coming in so that cost me pretty big.

JAMES NITTIES SOT: Who are these guys from PGA TOUR University? Who are the ones I need to look out for? Steelman was a name that came up a lot.

ROSS STEELMAN SOT: This is a dream come true. It's just a constant, over and over pinch me moment. It's not something that really everybody gets to do and say hey, I'm going to play professional golf.

KEVIN PRISE SOT: Ross Steelman last summer, he got right out to the Korn Ferry TOUR off PGA TOUR University. He’s looking forward to taking the next step this year and he believes in his talent, believes in himself. His resume shows that now is the time for him to kind of prove it.

**[SEGMENT 2]**

FRED BIONDI SOT: Kind of try to follow a program and do the things that work for me. It’s a normal workout, nothing crazy maybe depending on my tee time but Thursday or Friday I’ll do something early but then the weekend is more core, stretch, more mobility stuff.

ANNC: Fred Biondi the NCAA champion. Learning more about him every time he plays. So much potential, very mature golfer.

COOPER DOSSEY SOT: Should be all set.

JAMES NITTIES SOT: Cooper Dorsey, exceptional college player

ANNC: Oh yeah, making it worthwhile.

KEVIN PRISE SOT: He has what it takes to play out here. Gonna have a full season to see what he's got and see if he can get that PGA Tour card.

ANNC: Potgieter on the tee. That is the Potgieter we know and been hyping all day.

ALDRICH POTGIETER SOT: The game is all around really good. If I can just make little things happen a little bit quicker like that first round, coming out of the gate a little bit more hot and putting a good score instead of creeping up.

JAMES NITTIES SOT: Tim Widing, great personality. We talk about all the Swedes cut from an amazing mold of this gift of hitting far beautiful swings for such a small country to produce such good golfers it’s just crazy.

ANNC: This for birdie, oh yeah

JAMES NITTIES SOT: I like the way he handles himself, extremely talented. He has all the tools.

TIM WIDING SOT: I've been getting more comfortable with my game. I've been hitting it good off the tee and my putter has been pretty solid too.

ANNC: Par putt comes up short

SAM CHOI SOT: When you're under pressure, when you're actually playing tournament, when you miss a couple of shots that anxiety kicks in you get nervous.

KEVIN PRISE SOT: He didn’t play well. Two kind of mediocre rounds to fall short of the cut line, no points earned.

SAM CHOI SOT: Really tough game, it’s a tough thing for me. Keep your head up, keep working.

KEVIN PRISE SOT: he was not able to improve his position for the next reshuffle so his status remains uncertain for the next series of events. He might get in, might not get in, it really leads to uncertain summer.

SAM CHOI SOT: I still think my game is good enough to compete out there. I’m still grinding it out trying to climb that leaderboard. Alright see you guys.

ANNC: They were really moving on moving day. Couple of these guys in the mix

ANNC: Aldrich Potgieter there, that’s what we’re used to seeing from Potgieter.

ALDRICH POTGIETER SOT: The last two days I kind of learned the golf course a little bit better. I haven't changed anything else really, I’m playing good golf tomorrow is kind of the same plan.

ANNC: Ross Steelman for his birdie. That was very nicely done. Taking care of business based on the hype and game around him.

ANNC: There’s amazing respect for this guy off the tee, Tim is one of the best drivers on tour. Well done another look at birdie. A solid round from Widing.

TIM WIDING SOT: My game has been really solid. I'm just trying to do what I've been doing the last couple of days, just trying to be comfortable and really just have a little more trust in myself. I know I can pull off the shots and just go out and do it.

ANNC: Final round, final 18 holes. Time to start making moves.

TIM WIDING SOT: I kept to myself to stay in the present and didn’t look too far ahead and although it’s a little bit of struggle to start, I was able to find a good rhythm and just take it shot by shot.

ANNC: Good stroke, he’s playing well today.

TIM WIDING SOT: It's always a lot easier coming from behind. You kind of have to play a little more aggressive.

ANNC: It’s time for hole number 73, that’s right we’re heading to sudden death playoff.

TIM WIDING SOT: Surprisingly, I wasn't as nervous as I probably should be. I was just more excited and kept telling myself whatever happened, I played some really good golf this week.

NATS: Your 2024 LECOM Classic Champion - Tim Widing!

JAZMINE WIDING: It was sort of just a blur, just looking at him and telling him it was real and that he did it. He’s been so close so many times and I’m just grateful that I get to be here.

TIM WIDING SOT: As soon as I saw my wife crying, running down, that's kind of when it really hit me. She's my biggest supporter and I love her so much. She means everything to me, this is a team win for sure.

**[SEGMENT 3]**

JAMES NITTIES SOT: There's a lot of players that get the opportunity, get sponsors invitations to play on the PGA tour.

KEVIN PRISE SOT: In Potgieter’s case, he was offered the chance to play the Zurich Classic in New Orleans.

**NATS:** Please welcome the team of Aldrich Potgieter and Thriston Lawrence

KEVIN PRISE SOT: It can be so hard to give up a start on the PGA Tour. You're playing on the biggest stage against the best players but you're giving up your Korn ferry tour start, which can help you get into the top 30 which is to get to your ultimate goal of playing on the PGA Tour. So it's this fascinating dichotomy, there’s really no right answer.

JAMES NITTIES SOT: Veritex Bank Championship. Fun golf course, beautiful conditions. Its pressure packed again because you know you're going to have to make a ton of birdies and everyone is very hungry because they know what's at stake.

COOPER DOSSEY SOT: My name is Cooper Dossey, I’m from Dallas, Texas. I’m 26 years old and I’m on the Korn Ferry Tour. No texting and driving. Is it cool if I wear sunglasses? I won't be able to see. I've been up in Canada last couple of years, and the travel up there is pretty difficult. I've always kind of struggled being on the road. I've got a lot of good friends and great family and an awesome wife, and I definitely miss them a lot. Traveling is really expensive, and I think a lot of people don't understand how expensive pro golf is. For us, you know money’s tight especially when you miss five of seven cuts.

JAMES NITTIES SOT: His first year as a professional didn’t play great at all. Had to go back to PGA Tour Q School and got through and got 12 guaranteed starts for this year and this season.

COOPER DOSSEY SOT: Getting through that gave me the utmost confidence that, yeah, I can do this. I think I've always struggled with self-belief. I don't know why I have. I've definitely played well over my career but I think till you actually do it on like a stage like this, it's hard to believe in yourself.

COOPER DOSSEY SOT: I have a stutter and stuttering is something that's been with me since I was in fifth grade. I think God gifted it to me and there are people out there that definitely struggle with stuttering and I'm sure anybody watching will hear me stutter and it's okay to laugh because I want others who stutter to gain confidence and to be okay with their stutter. I pulled that so bad.

COOPER DOSSEY SOT: I wouldn't be lying if I haven't looked at the points list. I've definitely noticed that there are guys with a lot more points than me, but I also know that there's a lot of golf tournaments left to be played. I can't control anything that's going to happen the next four days, but I can control how I react. I can control my attitude. I can control how many times I smile. If I have a good week, I have a good week. If I don’t have a good week, I don’t have a good week.

ANNC: Pretty nice way to start here for the call him the hometown hero.

COOPER DOSSEY SOT: It's just remembering I'm a good putter and I can make putts, I can make good strokes and not worrying about the result. There was some, some good progress made I definitely wasn't uncomfortable.

ANNC: What a performance by this guy. He’s trying to win back-to-back weeks.

TIM WIDING SOT: If I can commit and execute my shots, they're probably going to end up pretty close to the flag and just being able to play a little more fearless out there. Not worrying too much about the result. Just trust in my game and see what happens.

ANNC: Chance for birdie but not going to be enough to stay through the weekend.

KEVIN PRISE SOT: Ross Steelman in his day three under. It’s two decent rounds not bad golf but you missed the cut by four. You don't want to be too down on yourself but at the same time it's hard not to take stock of how good these guys are.

ANNC: Unfortunately, he’s gonna miss the cut, hopefully he’s learned a couple things this week.

KEVIN PRISE SOT: Fred Biondi did choose to play a few PGA Tour events early this season, give up a couple Korn Ferry tour starts. You can do that, but you know you have to play better in your Korn ferry Tour starts and when the results don't come, it can snowball kind of quickly. Fred's challenge for the next part of the season is going to be to really let that out of the mind, let it escape, reset. He's got the talent let that talent show. But the last couple of weeks, it hasn't gone the way he would have liked.

**[SEGMENT 4]**

ANNC: They call the third round moving day!

COOPER DOSSEY SOT: I've been struggling on the greens all year and that kind of continued this week.

NATS: 13 hours grinding, let’s go get one more right here. You still like that 85 number then? Yeah, I love that.

TIM WIDING SOT: Just trying to be aggressive and make birdies, just a little smarter, more mindful of my shots and really make sure I’m committed. Tomorrow I'm just going to go out there and just focus on my game and just take it shot by shot.

ANNC: What a week it’s been so far. Final round action from the Korn Ferry Tour.

COOPER DOSSEY SOT: I did make some good putts today. This is, close to home for me, I've got a lot of really awesome people in my life.

ASHLEY DOSSEY SOT: It's really cool to see him have an opportunity to play the weekend and just cheering him on through all the adversity and everything else that comes with it, that’s just part of the journey.

TIM WIDING SOT: Just be patient. I've been playing great, trusting in my game, it's really important not to get ahead of yourself.

JAZMINE WIDING SOT: Ok, we’re not getting ahead of ourselves, Golf is not over until golf is over.

NATS: What did you shoot, 8? I think so, yeah. Easy game for Mr. Tim Widing right now boys. Get that on camera? Easy game. I think I can finally say it, you’re going to the PGA TOUR. Oh come on now, we’ve only played nine events, we have a long season.

TIM WIDING SOT: PGA TOUR has always been a dream since I started playing golf, we’re not here yet, still trying to play really good this year. It's easy to kind of look ahead, I'm just trying to be here right now and enjoy this moment, see wherever it takes me.

KEVIN PRISE MAY SOT: 01;14;20;24 it's so unique in golf, you so rarely win, especially for the first time for your first start after a win to be another win to do it in dominating fashion.

KEVIN PRISE SOT: It's a laundry list of accolades. 33 birdies in 72 holes. To only take that many strokes to get through 72 holes on the Korn Ferry tour, it's just kind of absurd. 31 under par, the first player to reach that far under par just shows the depths of going low and staying low. Got an invite to the PGA Championship, that’s first time that's happened in six years that a full Korn ferry tour player that season has got that special exemption. All to mean he's good. Players know he's good and he's going to be around for a long time.

JAMES NITTIES SOT: Visit Knoxville Open Holston Hills Country Club.

KEVIN PRISE SOT: It’s a venue that rewards precision and smart play.

JAMES NITTIES SOT: It almost feels like you’re playing on the PGA TOUR

ALDRICH POTGIETER SOT: If I play good, I have a really good chance.

JAMES NITTIES SOT: Advent Health Championship

KEVIN PRISE SOT: Historically a lot of players who have accurate games, controlled games, thrive. You’re forced to be tactical, have a good game plan and see if you can execute it.