**Greatness has a Home – The Wells Fargo Championship**

**MASTER SCRIPT**

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**A1 - Cold Open + Titles**

RICKIE FOWLER: “Well there's plenty of reasons why we like to go back to Quail Hollow

ANNC: “It is a great golf course, it has hosted presidents cups, major championships.”

RORY MCILROY: “The cream rises to the top of that golf course.”

ANNC: “It has hosted this event for 20 years, it is a spectacular golf course and you need to have your game here.”

MAX HOMA: “I remember watching Rory win his first event there. Wyndham won his first event there.”

WYNDHAM CLARK: “To finally get a win was really the most satisfying thing I've done thus far on the PGA Tour.”

MAX HOMA: “There's just some magic at Quail hollow I think.”

**WELCOME TO GREATNESS HAS A HOME – THE WELLS FARGO CHAMPIONSHIP**

**A2 Jim Nantz Standup**

Quail Hollow Club has a special aura. For two decades, it's been the battleground for some of the most epic showdowns at the Wells Fargo Championship. It's hard to put into words. It's simply where greatness has a home.

**A3 Quail Hollow Is Feature**

PRODUCER: “I'm going to start with a phrase and I want you to say it back and finish it.”

RORY MCILROY: “Okay.”

PRODUCER: “Quail Hollow Club Is...”

RORY MCILROY: “Ooooh.”

RICKIE FOWLER: “Quail Hollow Club is a special place.”

ANNC: “Yes! Number One for Rickie!”

MAX HOMA: “Quail Hollow Club is breathtaking.”

ANNC: “Quail Hollow is gorgeous, and it has such a big time feel here.”

KEITH WOOD: “Quail Hollow Club is greatness.”

ANNC: “He's the king in the queen city this week!”

MAC EVERETT: “Quail Hollow Club is greatness. It’s the home of greatness”

ANNC: “And he's made his family proud.”

JOHNNY HARRIS: “Quail Hollow Club is a wonderful group of people who love the game of golf have come together to create a place where we can attract the greatest players in the world to Charlotte.”

RORY MCILROY: “Quail Hollow Club is my favorite stop on TOUR.”

**A4 Stage for Greatness: Rory McIlroy Feature**

ANNC: From Belfast, Northern Ireland. Please welcome Rory McIlroy.

RORY MCILROY: "I've had so much history at Quail Hollow. This is 2024, so I've been going back for a decade and a half, and it's a week that I really look forward to every year. I first played Quail Hollow in 2010. I was just having so much fun playing golf and living out my dream."

ANNC: "What a story developing here. McIlroy can now tie the lead here, Nick, with this putt. McIlroy shares it now at nine under."

RORY MCILROY: "I still have so many vivid memories from that Sunday finishing on the back nine. The way I did it."

MAC EVERETT: "He shot 62 on Sunday and finished the round with six straight threes. Pretty amazing."

ANNC: "Silky. Yes. Wow. Hey by the way he's nine under par. That's seven birdies and an eagle."

RORY MCILROY: "To win a golf tournament the way I did that week. And the finish the way that I finished I sort of need to have that little bit of naivety of youth or like innocence to not really understand what you're doing is pretty special I guess.”

ANNC: " How about making it. He does indeed. Welcome to the big time Rory McIlroy. Wow, what a finish."

RORY MCILROY: "You know, ever since I was, you know, 10 or 11 years old, I wanted to be a professional golfer. And I'm just delighted to get here. And to get my first win in the US is very special. And to do it on a golf course like this is, is even better."

RON GREEN: “I remember going into the newspaper office the next morning and some people saying now who is this kid that won the golf tournament and I said, mark my words in ten years from now you are going to say it started here.”

**MCILROY'S BOND WITH QUAIL HOLLOW DEEPENED FURTHER IN 2015, WITH HIS SECOND WIN.**

ANNC: "Golf at its finest."

RORY MCILROY: "I feel like I'm a much more controlled player. I've learned now how to handle these positions You know, I'm finishing the job off the way. The way I should."

**AND IN 2021 HE BECAME THE ONLY PLAYER WITH 3 WINS AT THE WELLS FARGO CHAMPIONSHIP.**

ANNC: "In a league of his own. Rory McIlroy takes the title of the Wells Fargo Championship."

RORY MCILROY: "Ever since I first set eyes on this golf course, I loved it. You know that love has sort of been reciprocated back. I think this is the first time I've ever won an event for the third time. So, that's pretty cool."

JOHNY HARRIS: "Any time you can take the best player in the world and then have him come here and win three times and love the place, the way he loves it is an affirmation of what we're trying to do."

JOHNO HARRIS: "We're fortunate where Rory still comes and he's a member here, and so he's part of the family."

RON GREEN: “When you think of the Wells Fargo Championship and Quail Hollow, Rory McIlroy is the first thing you think about.”

RORY MCILROY: "I feel really proud to be linked with with Quail Hollow in some way.”

**A5 Bump Out**

Still to come -- just two years after his first tour win in 2010 – Rory McIlroy found himself witnessing yet another young star claim Quail Hollow as his breakthrough platform.

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**B1 In Bump**

ANNC: “it’s a beautiful day in Charlotte, a little overcast but as most folks around these parts will tell you, it’ll always be sunny”

FOWLER: “A special place that people look forward to going back to every year”

**B2 Stage for Greatness: Rickie Fowler Feature**

ANNC: “23 years old. He turned pro early and left Oklahoma State.”

RICKIE FOWLER: “I'm probably the one that sticks out most with color.”

JOHNNY HARRIS: “If you don't smile when you see Rickie Fowler...”

RON GREEN: “He was still the all-orange guy with the flat bill hat on Sundays.”

RON GREEN: “He was sort of a rockstar Already.”

JOHNNY HARRIS: “Rickie’s another person that everyone pulls for.”

RON GREEN: “I remember walking with him early in the week and just listening to the fans screaming for him.”

KID: “My favorite player is Rickie Fowler.”

RON GREEN: “They just loved Rickie.”

ANNC: “His three goals this year, get his first win on tour, to make the Tour Championship and to make the Ryder Cup.”

**RICKIE FOWLER HAD A CHANCE TO MAKE GOOD ON THAT FIRST GOAL AT THE 2012 WELLS FARGO CHAMPIONSHIP, GOING TOE-TO-TOE ON SUNDAY WITH AN ALREADY PROVEN WINNER ~~AT QUAIL HOLLOW~~ IN RORY MCILROY.**

ANNC: “He recognizes as a serious opportunity now. Could be a breakthrough win for him.”

ANNC: “That's got a nice tempo...is it ever nice for birdie and Fowler now is back into a tie for the lead.”

ANNC: “Rickie Fowler is going into the playoff, McIlroy will be in it as well.”

RICKIE FOWLER: “Going into a playoff and having the finish with kind of that amphitheater that's there around the 18th Green. Really put myself in one of the best positions you could.”

ANNC: “Oh there's the shot! There's the shot! Rickie!”

RICKIE FOWLER: “The hard work was done. I just had to make the putt and really was just telling myself I knew what it did I just had to hit a good putt.”

ANNC: “Number one for Rickie! And what a way to do it, birdie-ing the 18th hole at Quail Hollow!”

RICKIE FOWLER: “Rory is top ranked young player right now I look forward to playing against him and hopefully having plenty more tournaments like this where we're battling back and forth.”

RON GREEN: “It was like finally! Rickie Fowler was already a big star; he just needed the moment to stamp it with a victory and to beat Rory McIlroy.”

RICKIE FOWLER: “Getting my first tour win at Quail Hollow. That's something that will never change and never be taken away. So, it's always going to be a special place, a special memory.”

RICKIE FOWLER: “There's a lot of people that have doubted or said you'll never win or there's all kinds of stuff. So, it's nice to kind of shut them up a little bit.”

**B3 Jim Nantz on Cam**

As far as memorable finishes go, Rickie Fowler’s is certainly right up there. But perhaps none stand out more than the inaugural tournament winner, David Toms, who stood on the 18th tee with a six-shot lead.

**B4 The First Year – David Toms Feature**

ANNC: “Lanny it has been some special week, Charlotte gets back on the PGA TOUR map in a big fashion here at Quail Hollow. They've done a wonderful job, the golf course is spectacular, all the amenities for the players, they have raved about the week. It has instantly become one of the favorites on TOUR for the players.”

DAVID TOMS: “I remember everything about the tournament just falling in love with the golf course, the tournament itself. It was a new event. So it's kind of like the suspense of, you know, how is this going to go?”

**THE FIRST PLAYING OF THE WELLS FARGO CHAMPIONSHIP IN 2003 WAS SET TO BE MEMORABLE NO MATTER WHAT – BUT DAVID TOMS MADE SURE OF IT.**

ANNC: “When you look at David Toms, six times before this week, he led going into the last round. Four times, he won, this is a guy who that’s pretty fearless when he gets in this position.”

DAVID TOMS: “At that time in my career, I was playing well and had a lot of good finishes. And you got to remember, I mean, it was a time when Tiger and Phil and Ernie all these guys were playing great golf and it was hard to win golf tournaments with those guys that seem to win all the time.”

ANNC: “Beautifully done, beautifully done. Protecting the lead very well.”

DAVID TOMS: “I drove the ball great all week, and that was really the key to me playing well. But, you just never know. Things happened so fast on the golf course. You go from being in total control to not being in control at all. So I'm just glad I had a six shot lead with one to play. I made a bad swing, got in a situation where I probably should have just tried to get out of it and I probably got tried to get too much out of the second shot and got it back across the fairway into this gunch on the other side.”

ANNC: “As long as he doesn’t knock it in the creek here, all he has to do is make 9”

DAVID TOMS: “I just remember finally getting on the green after a bunch of shots and looking at my caddie and was like, you know, are we okay? And he goes, well, just, you know, knock this next putt in.”

ANNC: “Please go in.”

DAVID TOMS: “I tell everyone, I just kept the television on a little bit longer.”

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**C1 Week of In Bump**

HOMA: I love this place, I love the golf course and i have some cool memories that i always get to reminisce on.

ANNC: Max Homa, a life changing victory in Charlotte, a winner on the PGA TOUR

**C2 Origin for Greatness: The Golf Course**

KEITH WOOD: "My heart strings are pulled by setting up a golf course. And managing the turf and the playability and the conditions. We want all the people and spectators who come out on property to be wowed. We want everybody who watches on TV to say, wow, I want my yard to look just like Quail Hollow."

JOHNO HARRIS: "To host the best players in the world, you've got to have a great golf course for them to play. Keith does an unbelievable job. And, you know, the partnership that we have with the agronomy team at the tour and what is produced is truly special."

KEITH WOOD: "I've hosted almost 15 professional events now and during tournament week last year, on Saturday I was able to walk the golf course from tee to green, one through 18, and soak it all in and just, just take in everything. The beauty of the golf course, the conditions and just imagining what it would be like to play the golf holes, and it was just a fantastic experience, one that I'll never forget.

**BEHIND THE PERFECTLY PRESENTED LANDSCAPE, LIES A TRUE TEST FOR THE PGA TOUR PLAYERS.**

SCOTT DAVENPORT: "The first 15 holes play a good bit under par, but to get to the last few holes. The Green Mile. It's easily the most challenging. It's pretty hard."

RICKIE FOWLER: "Quail Hollow is kind of one of the ones you can't really fake it around. You got to drive it well hit your irons well, putt well. It does a good job of testing all parts of your game."

MAX HOMA: "I would say it's one of the longer golf courses we play, but the greens get really fast. There is a lot of slope in areas where the ball will run off the green so I feel like it's one of those long courses that demand a decent amount of precision, which is pretty rare."

**TO PUSH THE WORLD'S BEST, GREATNESS IS ALWAYS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT QUAIL HOLLOW, AND ROUTINE UPDATES WERE MADE ONCE AGAIN BEFORE THE 2024 WELLS FARGO CHAMPIONSHIP.**

JOHNNY HARRIS: "We had to close our golf course this past summer to redo our greens."

KEITH WOOD: "We made some more pinnable locations on the greens. So that way we can get the green speeds really quick to be a real challenge for the players."

JOHNNY HARRIS: "We had to do the greens so once you have to do something like that you might as well do the whole program. We added some length to 16, twenty five percent of the field was blowing the ball over the fairway bunker on 16 and so what we did was move it back.”

RORY MCILROY: "I think there's been so many improvements made to that golf course. I honestly think it is one of the greatest tests in championship golf that we play."

**C2 Jim Nantz VO Transition**

**DESPITE LOSING AND REGAINING HIS PGA TOUR CARD MULTIPLE TIMES EARLY IN HIS CAREER, MAX HOMA ARRIVED AT QUAIL HOLLOW CLUB IN 2019 WITH MOMENTUM, MARKING A PIVOTAL SHIFT IN HIS GAME.**

**C4 Stage for Greatness: Max Homa Feature**

ANNC: "Great place to start your winning career. How fantastic!?"

ANNC "You know it takes some a little longer than others, and then you never know, careers take off. I mean he hit the depths 2 years ago."

ANNC: "His game was in such a sad state that he made 2 cuts in 17 tournaments. 2. That's it."

MAX HOMA: "I used to say when I hit rock bottom I found a shovel and kept digging. I went to some low, low places. Very proud I finally found a ladder and started climbing upwards because it was getting dark down there."

**HOMA'S JOURNEY INTO THE LIGHT BEGAN IN 2018 AFTER REGAINING HIS PGA TOUR CARD FOR THE THIRD TIME IN SIX YEARS... THIS TIME IT WAS DIFFERENT.**

JOHNNY HARRIS: "If you're going to prove to yourself you can play, you need to do it at a place that's demanding and has already shown that the good players win here."

ANNC: "We have a young man here about to have a career changing moment."

MAX HOMA: "The amphitheater on 18 is pretty awesome. And just getting to feel like the admiration from the fans was really special. And to know that, you know, we had done something I had only dreamt of for a long, long time."

ANNC: "This is not a flash in the pan for this fella. This is the start of a pretty cool career coming up."

MAX HOMA: " It means a lot for me to do this under pressure. Job security is great. I haven't had that before."

MAX HOMA: "Back then I was fighting every year to get my card. Now it's a bit easier because I know exactly what it takes to have a great week and that you're great weeks are going to lead to wins."

JOHNNY HARRIS: "He knew when he won here I'm where I need to be now I need to keep building on it and go from here."

**HOMA'S BREAKTHROUGH VICTORY SPARKED 5 MORE IN JUST 4 YEARS.**

ANNC: "A champion on the rise!"

RON GREEN: "Max has obviously proven that he's gone onto win other tournaments. He's won this tournament twice. He's a star."

**AND HE CEMENTED HIS STARDOM AT THE 2022 PRESIDENTS CUP, GOING UNDEFEATED AT THE PLACE WHERE IT ALL BEGAN.**

MAX HOMA: "There's just some magic at Quail Hollow. That seems to sign off on someone who's going to win some more tournaments. It seems to always lend itself to that."

ANNC: "Lived by the mantra and saying that winners never quit, and quitters never win."

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**D2 Origin for Greatness: The Beginning**

ANNC: “This is Quail Hollow Country Club in Charlotte, North Carolina. A golfer's place. A corner of nature that calls to mind the writings of Emerson. The tempered light of the woods he wrote. It's like a perpetual morning and is stimulating and heroic.”

JOHNNY HARRIS: “This property before the golf course was part of the largest dairy farm in North Carolina.”

RON GREEN: “Before Quail Hollow was what it is. I mean, it was a place where people went out and hunted. It was pretty far out of town, given where Charlotte was back in the late 50s and early 60s.”

MAC EVERETT: “Mr. James Jay Harris was the leader of the founding group of Quail Hollow in 1959. And he had a vision for Quail Hollow as a professional golf venue. He wanted to build a golf course that would attract the best players in the world to come here.”

**TO REACH THE HIGHEST LEVEL, MR. HARRIS CONSULTED THE KING, WHOSE INFLUENCE ON** **QUAIL HOLLOW CLUB STANDS THE TEST OF TIME.**

JOHNNY HARRIS: “They said to Arnold, you think we can build a golf course in Charlotte that's good enough to attract the greatest players in the world?

**THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION WAS – AND STILL IS – YES. THE KEMPER OPEN FIRST CALLED QUAIL HOLLOW HOME FROM 1969 TO 1979.**

ARNOLD PALMER: “I look for a very successful golf tournament here in Charlotte and certainly on a very fine golf course.”

**THE PGA TOUR RETURNED IN 2003. BUT TO KEEP THE WORLD'S BEST COMING BACK, THE CLUB STAYS ON THE CUTTING EDGE.**

RON GREEN: “Arnold always had this saying that greatness is always under construction. That that lives and breathes at Quail Hollow’

**MR. PALMER UPDATED THE GOLF COURSE IN 1985, AND THEN TOM FAZIO SEVERAL TIMES SINCE.**

RON GREEN: “It's on the same land where it was when they originally opened it. And the layout is essentially the same, but it's undergone a lot of changes. They've not been afraid to find ways to improve it.”

**D3 VO Transition**

**JUST A YEAR AGO -- WYNDHAM CLARK CEMENTED HIS OWN SPOT IN QUAIL HOLLOW HISTORY, CHANGING HIS CAREER TRAJECTORY IN JUST ONE WEEK.**

**D4 Future of Greatness: Wyndham Clark Feature**

WYNDHAM CLARK: “I've had a crazy year where won of my first PGA tour event.”

ANNC: “Victory for Wyndham Clark as he wins the Wells Fargo Championship.”

WYNDHAM CLARK: “If I didn't win that, I don't know if I would have won the U.S. Open, but it's a testament to all the hard work that I've done in these last five, six years and also a testament to myself of just sticking through all the tough times in golf and the adversity that I've been dealt.”

ANNC: “He came out of that one well, right. A little bit of frustration there because he feels like he's had good looks at it.”

WYNDHAM CLARK: “During Covid was probably one of my lowest points on tour. I was the bubble boy to keep my card. I was playing great golf leading up to when Covid hit, and then I didn't touch a club for a while, and then I came back, and I just wasn't myself.

ANNC: “He didn't leave it short again. Oh. That's too bad.”

WYNDHAM CLARK: “Missed a lot of cuts. Didn't play good golf. And then I find myself at the Wyndham Championship. I missed the cut by 1 or 2 shots and just, you know, my heart. I just was like, oh, my gosh, I'm going to lose my card. Fortunately, I finished 125, so I had to look back at that and how dark of a time that was and now being on the other side of it is pretty amazing.”

WYNDHAM CLARK: “On Sunday, the up and down on hole 11 and I hit it to gimme.”

ANNC: “That's a great shot.”

WYNDHAM CLARK: “It sounds very small, but at that point it was a huge momentum shift in the round and then winning that led me to hit all those great shots at the U.S. open and win that. So winning it at the Wells Fargo Championship really catapulted my career.”

**D5 Closing Jim Nantz** **On Cam**

The legacy of unforgettable moments on and off the golf course continues. One thing is certain. Here greatness has a home. I'm Jim Nantz, and thank you for watching.