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INTL MASTER SCRIPT

**COLD OPEN**

ANNC: Best in the world, taking on the challenge of links, doesn't matter the weather, they show up in full force to come out and watch the players here along the coast.

KIM SOT: This is where it all started for me.

MACINTYRE SOT: I've watched since a young boy. Scottish Open is the one golf tournament besides the major championships, that would overtake this one.

SCHAUFFELE SOT: It could be blowing 25 and ripping rain here and people will be right by your side in shorts and tee shirt and loving every second of it.

ÅBERG SOT: it's a world-class event and it's really fun to be here. The crowds are great and are always very supportive in Europe.

KIM SOT: It's just good vibes. This is one of the events that I circle at the start of the year and excited to get going.

ANNC: We got two events going on this week and we are in horse country for the ISCO Championship, historic Keene Trace in Lexington.

MICHAEL THORBJORNSEN: Feeling good after last week's finish. It's going to be a putting contest out here, too. If you can make a lot of putts you're going to be up at the top of the leaderboard.

***CUT TITLES***

**Karl goes to Scotland Agronomy Feature**

NATS

SOT: You kind of hand picked the ones from they're going to Scotland, right? So it's a big treat. You know, who we're sending this year, right? Carl, yeah, so you, you spoken with him. Good guy. Grew in a really small town, and I sat him down. I said, Hey, you know, wantyou to go to Scotland and kind of do that event this year. He got all starry eyed. He didn't have a passport. He had to get everything so, good stuff, man, I'm glad he's coming.

Karl Anderson SOT: My name is Carl Anderson. I'm an assistant golf course superintendent, TPC Sawgrass player stadium course.

The last decade I've spent working on golf courses. I went to school at the University of Florida, and from there, I've moved up the ladder to here, being the golf nut I am. I still stop and think about how cool it is to be out here, and the history that's out here, the people that are out here on a daily basis.

Patrick Reinhardt SOT - Carl was a past tournament volunteer for us, and when we had an opening for an assistant, he was one that we had kind of reached out to and asked if he was interested.

KARL ANDERSON NAT - So what we're doing here with the hand watering is touching all that up, and that requires a very thorough check, very thorough watering. It's good enough. Is not good enough out here. Gotta get it right. No time to go back and fix it with any job out here. Every detail we pay attention to, we check and we improve upon.

Patrick Reinhardt SOT - We've been able to send people over to Scotland. And other volunteers from Scottish open have been able to come over here and help prepare for the players. We get to see other operations. We get to see all their tournaments run.

KARL NAT- I'd like to make a note at 848, how handsome the cup cutter is today. Look at that white shirt.

Patrick Reinhardt SOT - Karl carries himself very well. He has a very professional disposition to him. With us being the home of the Players Championship, we have that view of we want to seek that perfection that we see during the tournament and that carries on throughout the year,

KARL SOT - fine lines, the edges of the cuts on the grass, the hand watering that I was doing today. If you miss even one spot, then that's going to show up. It's going to look like you didn't do your job at all, when, in reality, you got 90 something percent of it. We've got a goal in our head for moisture to be for the day, and based off of those numbers, I'm giving a specified amount of water to those areas to bring that up to the correct amount of moisture. This green will be even for the rest of the day. It should play better than it would have. The grass should be healthier than it would have without it, and that's one of the many small detail things that we do out here to make TPC Sawgrass so nice.

Patrick Reinhardt SOT - Carl is not a world traveler. He has not been outside of the United States, is my understanding.

KARL SOT - He asked me if I had a passport. I said, No, I've never been out of the country before. And he says, because they want me to go to Scotland for tournament support. We tend to be pretty methodical with how we decide who's going to go to what venue. And I said, Well, that's a big jump. My first tournament support. I'm going overseas, but absolutely, I wouldn't turn it down for anything.

Patrick Reinhardt SOT - This is something that will help Carl really grow professionally as well as personally.

KARL SOT - From what I understand link style golf is the farmland and then the infertile land between the farmland and the ocean was what they built the golf courses on. I'm going to try to represent us well by learning their practices, understanding their ways of life and ways of taking care of golf courses, and by just making it a better place, leaving my footprint there.

KARL SOT - It's definitely different. I'm somewhere else. I'm not I. Not sure if it's hit that it's Scotland, yet looks like winter in Florida compared to what I'm used to, because I've only ever been to the players and the masters. So I'm kind of spoiled in that respect, that this is sick, this is so different.

KARL SOT - I got meet Liam right as I showed up. He definitely understands what I'm going through here. Having already come to a different country for a big tournament like this,

LIAM CAMPBELL SOT - Worked with Carl before, from the last two years. I thought if anyone's going to greet him, maybe somebody he knows, to make him feel a bit more comfortable. And since we're hosting him, we need a good host. It's totally different America and here, like the climate, everything's different. I mean, you can know everything in America or know everything here, but you're still gonna learn. And I think Carl just grasps things. He understands him really easily, and he's a smart guy.

KARL SOT - Soil's so much firmer here. Takes a couple more slams to get it in. You can look down at the hole here. I'm used to seeing pure white sand down there, and that makes it so much easier to slam the cup cutter through. I'd get many less slams. I'd have gotten a full cup in Sawgrass, about the same numbers we're getting back home right now.

KARL SOT -I'm gonna remember a lot from this trip. Mainly it'll be the people, because they're awesome. I never would have thought I would have enjoyed it as much as I have over here. On top of that, the scenery, the architecture, the links golf, everything about it. It's sweet.

LIAM SOT – And I think they picked him because that's how they want to represent TBC, sawgrass, somebody that they can trust. And he's going to put a good impression on other people.

**SOCIAL INBUMP – Mini Mic**

Sahith Theegala SOT – I feel like it’s a bird. Narwal? Is that a real animal?

Ludvig Aberg SOT – I’m gonna go with a cow.

Lucas Glover SOT - Sheep.

Adam Hadwin SOT – We’ll go grouse.

Rickie Fowler SOT – Can I phone a friend and ask Bob?

Robert MacIntyre SOT – It’s a unicorn.

Justin Thomas SOT – It’s a unicorn? It’s a unicorn. Of course I knew that.

Tommy Fleetwood SOT - A unicorn? Oh.

Theegala SOT – You’re serious?

Hadwin SOT – I guess they are real. My daughter’s been telling the truth.

Aberg SOT – A unicorn? That’s not even a real thing is it?

Collin Morikawa SOT – That’s a trick question. Unicorn’s aren’t real.

Xander Schauffele SOT – What is it?

Producer – It’s a unicorn.

Schauffele SOT – Okay?

**SCOTLAND FANS FEATURE**

Fan 1 - It's the first time I think he could ever feel as if you can reach out, touch them, and feel as if you can actually play the ball with them.

Fan 2 - It's amazing to see the golfers, I mean, to see Rory McIlroy and Bob McIntyre, you know, got to see a lot of players up close look at their swings.

Fan 1 - To see how far they hit the ball, how they control the ball, how they play the game, just so different from anyone else golf in Scotland's different to golf in other parts of the world.

Fan 3 - You have bunkers that deep, exact high.

Fan 1 - What's unique about Scotland is, for definite, the weather. Do not get weather there's anywhere else in the world in July, it's quite cold to provide someone hustling. Secondly, you'll beat nice people in Scotland. Everybody loves it.

Fan 3 - So no matter where you go golf and it's just brilliant.

Fan 2 - I think a lot of players, even the American players that have come over in this horrible weather, appreciate that this is the kind of the founding place of the game. And take a lot from that sun

Fan 1 - In the morning, wind at lunchtime, rain in the afternoon, and we still enjoy it all best courses in the world, not necessarily the best weather. However, you get the best scenery and the nicest people. Anyone that wants the experience, absolutely come to Scotland and enjoy yourself.

**GENESIS SCOTTISH OPEN TOURNAMENT RECAP**

*ANNC: He’s not been shy about saying it, the Scottish Open is the one i want. He’d be the first Scot to win it in 25 years.*

*ANNC: He’s won the Italian Open, the Canadian Open, can he add the Scottish Open? // come on now! Bobby Mack! That’ll warm them up!*

MACINTYRE SOT - The biggest thing for me was never give up. A lot of people might say, he doesn't quite have this, he doesn't quite have that, but I've got fight and that's all I need.

*ANNC: If he pops this in Scotland will go crazy // never in doubt // the runner up last year, now tied for the lead.*

MACINTYRE SOT - the job was just give yourself a chance, and second shot was nicely positioned to the heart of the green.// I was just standing over the putt, I was just like, "This is the chance you wanted. Take it.”

*ANNC: Inside 20 feet for the title //This is what you dream of right here // for your whole life*

*ANNC: For the title, yes great scot! Macintyre takes his national open*

*ANNC: Dripped into the cup in the most dramatic way*

MACINTYRE SOT - My reaction when the ball dropped on 18 said it all. I almost lost my voice now. It's the one I wanted and it's the one I got. It's just, I've watched it as a kid growing up, and it meant a lot. It was really the only one that I could go and watch. I can't believe it's happened.

**Ernie Els First Major feature**

MUSIC: Today Is My Day

*ANNC -  Ernie Els has won his first major on the PGA TOUR Champions. He wins the Kaulig Companies Championship and he’s punched his ticket to next year’s PLAYERS.*

*ANNC - And Ernie becomes the first player this season to win three times on the PGA TOUR Champions.*

*ANNC:  With the win, Ernie Els//and moved to the top of the Charles Schwab Cup Standings.*

Els SOT – This has been a long time coming on this golf course. 32 years ago I started playing here//  but i never got to win here so this was really gre

**ISCO Par 3 Inbump**

NATS - 67 yards! I don't know if you really count a 67-yard par-3, to be honest with you, but I think I think we'll throw in the back pocket and say yeah.

SOT - I said at the beginning, anybody that got a hole of one got vintage Valhalla bourbon bottle. But the problem is, person made a hole in one is not 21 yet, Luke. So Luke instead, this is Kentucky. So we got you some Kentucky sweet tea. It's the other groundwater you know, for your hole in one.

**UK Health Mini Pro-Am at UK Healthcare Children's Hospital**

TOM WHITNEY SOT (PGA TOUR Rookie)- The hospital set up, I think nine holes or so around the hospital on different floors, and very blessed opportunity to have a job as a professional golfer. And, you know, you come and see kids that are inpatients and, you know, they can't leave the facility until they get better. And supporting them and making them smile and giving them high fives and fist bumps. And, you know, they're having a great time out here. Y ou know, we're we're trying to do our part bring them some joy, make them smile, you know, give them some memories of some high points while they were staying here in the hospital.

CLAIRE POLSTON SOT (Everett’s mother) - It is his first time ever doing mini golf. It's super cool to see the staff come and the players to come and participate. It's awesome to see people be interested in the wellness of these kids past, even the medical standpoint. This is all just about building development and having fun and the fact that time and effort is spent on that is super, super cool.

JOE HIGHSMITH SOT (PGA TOUR Rookie) - It's easy for us to get so caught up in our own worlds out there playing golf and you come here and you kind of see these kids and it really kind of opens their eyes a little bit

PATRICK FISHBURN SOT (PGA TOUR Rookie) - You know, they all came enthusiastic and excited to be here and which is cool. It's great to see that, especially, you know, with all they have going on is right now.

JOSH TEATER SOT (PGA TOUR Rookie) -  IT just means, you know, it's number one to get away from golf and obviously to give back to these young kids have been dealt a rough hand and I don't think it matters if they know who we are or ever do, but, you know, just for them to do something different and have fun and make a hole in one or make it ten, whatever it may be.

ALEX GOFF SOT (UK graduate making pro debut at ISCO Championship) - It's cool just to be able to give back to this community grown to, to really love and just be around these kids and see the smiles on their faces. And it really puts golf into perspective and you kind of realize that there's a lot bigger things in life. So it's, it's nice to be able to give back. I'm just letting them roll whatever they want. That's what that's what makes them happy. So I'm just we're just kind of it's been a free for all over on whole too. But no, it's it's been fun.

**ISCO Championship Recap**

*ANNC – From the Commonwealth of Kentucky. // At Keane Trace Golf Club, the Champions course. The site of the ISOC Championship.*

*MUSIC:**Born A Champion*

*ANNC: We didn’t see many misses // but we did see a new record on the PGA TOUR. The lowest 36-hole cut in PGA TOUR history.*

**VO: AFTER SETTING THE LOWEST CUT LINE RECORD AT 8-UNDER PAR, THE CHAMPION TRACE COURSE TOUGHENED UP FOR THE WEEKEND.**

*ANNC - 19:09:24 We didn’t think there was any chance 22-under would stick around and now we have five players in a playoff coming up.// Unbelievable. // NeSmith, Blair, Hoey, Coody, Hall all trying to win for the first time on the PGA TOUR.*

*ANNC -  (NeSmith misses putt to win) And we’re gonna go to a second playoff hole. Two-putt par. //  the three men left standing. // back to the 18th tee.*

*ANNC – Will the third sudden death playoff hole finally crown a champion?*

*ANNC -  Hall’s gotta be thinking up and down for par. An unlikely birdie from off the green! //  For harry Hall it’s worth the wait. His first win on the PGA TOUR.*

**FEC STANDINGS:**

VO: With his win at the ISCO Championship, Harry Hall gains 300 points and vaults up to 80th place in the FEDEXUP Standings.

**ISCO WINNER’S SOT –**

Harry Hall SOT - this is just one step closer to that, cementing myself on the PGA TOUR for the next couple years and proving that I can win out here, proving that I'm solid under pressure and my game's right where it needs to be. Yeah, I think no one can ever take this away from me now. Coming from such a small place back at home, I think being a PGA TOUR winner's really cool.

**The Open Championship preview**

*ANNC: This is the old country, golf country.*

*ANNC: Where the land links to the sea.*

*ANNC: The final major of the year. The Open Championship at Royal Troon*

MCILROY SOT: History and tradition and legacy are a really big part of the game of golf and the Open definitely mean something else.

XANDER SOT: Scotland is very golf oriented.

XANDER SOT: In links style golf, the ball runs, gets windy, the greens are a bit slower.

*ANNC: It’s a game of patience out there. You got to wait, weather the storm, wait for your run, believe that it’s coming.*

SCOTT SOT: It’s very different than what we are used to so you just have to adapt a little bit and open the mind to playing golf a little bit of a different way to get it done.

FOWLER SOT: Links golf is my favorite. It’s the style of golf I like the most and enjoy playing.

XANDER SOT: It’s just fun. I really enjoy playing it, I enjoy the change of pace, I enjoy just being abroad.

VO: THIS WEEK ON TOUR... PLAYERS TEE IT UP IN CALIFORNIA AT THE BARRACUDA CHAMPIONSHIP. WHILE BACK IN SCOTLAND... BRIAN HARMON LOOKS TO DEFEND HIS TITLE AT THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP AT ROYAL TROON.

**BRIAN HARMAN PROFILE**

*ANNC: Brian Harman looking for win number three.*

BRIAN HARMAN: I wouldn't have changed anything throughout my career. I'm glad that all the work led to, at least for a moment, where it was great. I have enjoyed the success, but the joy that I get from the game. It's all inner, it's all me trying to figure out how good I can get. That's what I like.

*ANNC: Brian Harman will be defending his Open Championship here in a couple weeks.*

*ANNC: When the conditions are tough, it seems like Brian Harman really steps up. Plays some efficient and clean golf and very much in control of his emotion.*

BRIAN HARMAN: it's like dualism, right? You wouldn't know how awesome winning a major is if you didn't also struggle. If all you did was win majors, then you wouldn't have any perception of what really good feels like.

*ANNC: Ended his own drought when he won the Open Championship. There was just over six years between wins*

BRIAN HARMAN: I know what really bad feels like. I also know what really good feels like. So I'm glad that I've got that balance.

*ANNC: Brian Harman had been elevating his play, three runner up finishes and then got that open championship win.*

*ANNC: pummeled the middle of the fairways, rolled his rock as well as anybody in a major last year.*

BRIAN HARMAN: You never know when a hot week with the putter is going to come, you just have to keepyour ball striking in a really good spot. And that's what I try to do just trying to hit as many good putts as I could and just made a pile that week.

*ANNC: In control essentially the entire way, starting in the second round when he took the lead. Six strokes ahead of the field.*

BRIAN HARMAN: Just the feeling I had hitting that last bunker shot where I got up there, probably eight feet for par and then just punching my Country right in the right in the chest like, man, they can't take it now. Like, we got it.

BRIAN HARMAN: When I'm focused and my process and everything is really good and I work hard, I'm tough to beat

BRIAN HARMAN: I wake up with a lot of gratitude every day.  I love my life. I love where I'm at. And I'm gonna try to make it last as long as I can.