

A1 – TEASE – PRIDE & DOMINANCE

MAX HOMA: There's nothing quite like putting on the red, white and blue.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: It doesn't get old. It always jacks you up.

NATS: U-S-A! U-S-A!

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I love being from the United States and I'm proud to be an American. And so, when you can go out there with the flag on your chest and play some golf for your country is a very special feeling.

KEEGAN BRADLEY: Brings me a lot of pride to be a part of these teams.

MAX HOMA: That pride is unmatched. And to do it as people under one nation, I think is pretty special.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: You just want to show out and get as many points as possible and then you can celebrate after.

ANNC: And it's Xander Schauffele who delivers the last, decisive point ... as the U.S. wins the Presidents Cup for the 12th time in 14 contests – it's 9th in-a-row!

TONY FINAU: The U.S. has been so dominant. We've had so many great players, captains.

PATRICK CANTLAY: We have a bunch of momentum and we don't want to lose that momentum.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: We're up for the challenge and we're ready to go.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: You really don't think about losing ... you think about how you're going to win.

NATS: U-S-A!

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A2 – OPENING STANDUP

HELLO, I'M PAIGE MACKENZIE! THANKS FOR JOINING US FOR OUR FINAL INSTALLMENT OF THE ROAD TO THE PRESIDENTS CUP, WHERE WE'LL TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE UNITED STATES TEAM.

LOOKING TO BEAT THE INTERNATIONALS FOR A 10TH-CONSECUTIVE PLAYING, THE BOYS OF THE RED, WHITE & BLUE NOT ONLY HAVE HISTORY ON THEIR SIDE, BUT ALSO A BITTER TASTE IN THEIR MOUTHS AFTER AN UPSETTING LOSS AT THE RYDER CUP LAST YEAR.

BUT TO THEIR ADVANTAGE, AMERICA'S ROSTER IS LOADED WITH TALENT. DURING THE NEXT 60 MINUTES, WE'LL DIVE DEEPER INTO THE 12 PLAYERS REPRESENTING THE STARS & STRIPES.

A3 – TEAM USA AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS

AS THE U.S. LOOKS TO CONTINUE ITS DOMINANCE, THE SQUADS TOP SIX PLAYERS MADE THE TEAM THROUGH THEIR PERFORMANCE IN A WEIGHTED FEDEXCUP POINT QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – EACH BRINGING A UNIQUE FLARE TO THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE ...

SAHITH THEEGALA: What I bring to the U.S. team is a unique style of playing the game. More of a scrapper mentality.

ANNC: How about Theegala? Yep, they're all going in; fighting his way back!

LEADING UP TO HIS PRESIDENTS CUP DEBUT, THEEGALA RANKED 19TH IN STROKES GAINED TOTAL THIS SEASON, NINE SPOTS BEHIND FELLOW FIRST TIMER, WYNDHAM CLARK ...

ANNC: He's got the all-time, 18-hole round at Pebble Beach – 60 for Wyndham Clark!

WYNDHAM CLARK: Intensity and passion for my country. I think it's the greatest honor you can do as an athlete. Having that opportunity is a dream come true.

CLARK HAS THREE WINS IN THE LAST TWO SEASONS INCLUDING THE 20-23 U.S. OPEN ...

AND IS JOINED BY TWO-TIME MAJOR CHAMPION, COLLIN MORIKAWA ...

COLLIN MORIKAWA: I kind of bring that even keel nature. I allow people just to kind of get relaxed and be themselves and that's what you want around a team room.

MORIKAWA'S RELAXED MINDSET HAS TRANSLATED TO TOP-10 FINISHES IN NEARLY 40 PERCENT OF HIS STARTS, INCLUDING A RUNNER-UP IN THE FEDEXCUP ...

HE QUALIFIED FOR HIS SECOND APPEARANCE ALONGSIDE PATRICK CANTLAY, WHO MISSED ONLY ONE CUT THIS SEASON.

PATRICK CANTLAY: Hopefully I bring some points to the team. Every time you get to team up with the best players in the world and represent your country, it feels different.

JOINING CANTLAY IS HIS MATCH PLAY PARTNER, XANDER SCHAUFFELE, WHO IS FRESH OFF THE BEST SEASON OF HIS CAREER ...

ANNC: Watch this ... oh what a shot!

SCHAUFFELE RANKED SECOND ON TOUR IN STROKES GAINED: TEE-TO-GREEN, STROKES GAINED: TOTAL, AND SCORING AVERAGE ...

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I bring hopefully really good golf, being a good teammate and hopefully a lot of fun as well.

AND THE ONLY MAN WHO OUTPACED SCHAUFFELE THIS SEASON, IS SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER ...

ANNC: He's won at Augusta National, TPC Sawgrass, Bay Hill, Harbour Town and now Muirfield Village. If you did that in a career, you would be ecstatic.

EN ROUTE TO SEVEN VICTORIES, SCHEFFLER LED THE TOUR IN MORE THAN 50 STATISTICAL CATEGORIES THIS SEASON ...

ANNC: He is a dominant force in our sport and the rest of the players are trying to figure out just how on earth they're going to find a way to beat him.

A4 – SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: FOLLOW THE LEADER

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: What does Scottie Scheffler bring to the U.S. team?

ANNC: The king of Bay Hill again!

ANNC: The 50th PLAYERS Champion!

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: A lot of competitiveness and some fight out there.

ANNC: Pure domination! The run continues!

ANNC: The undisputed, greatest player on the planet.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I pride myself on staying in it the whole time. And I'm hoping to bring a little bit of that energy to our team this year.

FOR THE SECOND TIME IN AS MANY CUPS, SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER LEADS TEAM USA AS ITS TOP AUTOMATIC QUALIFIER ...

ANNC: World number one, PGA TOUR Player of the Year, doing his thing at the first!

BUT SCHEFFLER'S PRESIDENTS CUP DEBUT DIDN'T LIVE UP TO HIS STANDARD ...

ANNC: Scheffler, 0-3-1; It's the worst record by any world number one in a Presidents Cup.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I don't think I've performed at my best in the last couple team events, but I was able to come off with a couple halves.

AND MORE RECENTLY, TURNED IN AN 0-2-AND-2 PERFORMANCE IN LAST YEAR'S RYDER CUP ...

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Match play can be a bit fluky and so hopefully I'll take the last two team events not performing my best and hopefully, you know, continue to perform at a high level and catch some breaks and be able to win some matches.

SCHEFFLER'S "HIGH LEVEL" IS IN A DIFFERENT STRATOSPHERE, DATING BACK THE LAST THREE SEASONS, BUT SPECIFICALLY, SINCE THE LAST PRESIDENTS CUP ...

ANNC: Back-to-back titles at the WM Phoenix Open!

ANNC: The Scheffler victory train just keeps on rollin'!

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I've gotten into a good headspace of being able to play loose while staying focused the whole time. Being committed to what I'm doing and not worrying as much about the results.

WYNDHAM CLARK: He's the best player in the world. He's the best iron player I've ever seen.

ANNC: For win number six ... Scottie Scheffler with another tournament title! In the sixth month of the year, he's got a sixth victory.

KEEGAN BRADLEY: Scottie Scheffler is already one of the best players to play in my eyes. I think what he's done is as impressive as any stretch that I can remember.

ANNC: One of the all-time seasons for Scottie Scheffler ... takes it all!

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I've had a really good year out here on TOUR. It's been nice to get some results and get some wins this year and I'm definitely hoping to ride some of that momentum into the Presidents Cup.

IN ADDITION TO HIS SEVEN WINS THIS SEASON, SCHEFFLER BROUGHT HOME OLYMPIC GOLD FOR THE UNITED STATES ...

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I've always felt tremendous pride in representing our country. I love being from the United States and I'm proud to be an American. And so, when you can go out there with the flag on your chest and play some golf for your country is a very special feeling. And I'm looking forward to doing that again this fall.

WYNDHAM CLARK: I'd love to play with Scottie. He is Iron Byron and I kind of have the speed and the firepower and can make a lot of putts. We both have great short games, so I think we complement each other well. We got a little taste of that at the Olympics. We played practice rounds. It was Scottie and I versus Xander and Collin, and Scottie and I came out victorious and I think we could do that against other people for sure.

THE CLEAR-CUT NUMBER ONE IN THE WORLD, ARMED WITH A SEEMINGLY UNLIMITED LIST OF CREDENTIALS, WILL LEAD TEAM USA IN MONTREAL ... BY EXAMPLE.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: It's going to be hard for our team to win if I'm not out there delivering some points for our team. And so, just going into it with the right attitude and being committed to my shots and then going from there.

WYNDHAM CLARK: Scottie is definitely one of those leaders that's more of 'watch what I do' and he does in the actions. He's not as verbal about his leadership, but he's definitely a leader. He's definitely our, our horse. And I wouldn't be shocked if he went out and won every match.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I'm not going to go in there trying to do anything different other than be myself and be a good teammate and a good friend to the guys that are there and hopefully come back from Canada with a win.

[A5 – SHOW BUMP](#)

STILL TO COME ...

PRESIDENTS CUP ROOKIE, SAHITH THEEGALA, DRAWS MATCH PLAY COMPARISONS TO ANOTHER MENTAL GAME ...

SAHITH THEEGALA: If your opponent in chess makes a bad move you have to capitalize on it. And if you don't capitalize on it, the momentum goes straight back to their side.

WHILE A PRESIDENTS CUP VETERAN BOASTS ADDED CONFIDENCE AFTER MAJOR SUCCESS THIS SEASON ...

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Winning any tournament helps us players gain confidence, but winning my first major and then the second one shortly after added to that self-belief bucket.

AND A LOOK BACK AT THE CAREER SUCCESS OF U.S. TEAM CAPTAIN, JIM FURYK ...

ANNC: This is for eagle and a win of the hole ... lookout, lookout, lookout! Ha-ha!

JIM FURYK: We had a lot of fun together, a lot of camaraderie, and we won a bunch of Presidents Cups. And so, that would be what I'm, I'm most proud of.

B1 – TEAM USA CAPTAIN'S PICKS

WHILE THE TOP SIX PLAYERS EARNED AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION, U.S. TEAM CAPTAIN JIM FURYK HAD THE DIFFICULT TASK OF SELECTING THE REMAINING SIX TO ROUND OUT THE ROSTER ...

ANNC: He is really swinging the golf club well.

RANKED 13TH IN STROKES GAINED TOTAL, AND SECOND IN BOTH PUTTING AVERAGE AND BIRDIE AVERAGE THIS SEASON, SAM BURNS RETURNS FOR HIS SECOND PRESIDENTS CUP ...

ANOTHER STRONG PUTTER, RUSSELL HENLEY, WILL MAKE HIS DEBUT FOR THE U.S. TEAM ...

ANNC: That's gonna straighten out at the end ... dead center for Henley!

RUSSELL HENLEY: I've worked on every part of my game very consistently and I've been seeing some results from it. I've watched all these team matches over the years always just hoping for an opportunity to be on the team.

FELLOW GEORGIA BULLDOG AND PRESIDENTS CUP FIRST TIMER, BRIAN HARMAN, MADE HIS U.S. TEAM DEBUT IN LAST YEAR'S RYDER CUP ...

BRIAN HARMAN: When I'm good, I'm really hard to beat. I don't have any quit in me. U.S. team's getting all that I've got. I've had this one circled for a long time.

TONY FINAU RETURNS FOR HIS THIRD PRESIDENTS CUP ...

TONY FINAU: Whatever the captains ask of me, I'm willing to do it. Whether that's cheer, play, I'm a team player and you can count on Tony Finau being ready to play.

ADDING TO THE VETERAN PRESENCE IN THE TEAM ROOM IS KEEGAN BRADLEY, WHO RETURNS TO THE TEAM FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 10 YEARS ...

KEEGAN BRADLEY: In these formats, I feel like every hole is the last hole of the tournament.

ANNC: Keegan Bradley takes the BMW again!

KEEGAN BRADLEY: You're able to really let your energy out and enjoy the moment. That's my favorite part about these tournaments.

COMPLETING CAPTAIN FURYK'S TEAM IS MAX HOMA, WHO WAS A PERFECT 4-0-AND-0 IN HIS PRESIDENTS CUP DEBUT IN 20-22 ...

MAX HOMA: I have a love for our country and for the team environment. I feel like I'm a good teammate. I enjoy being around all the guys so much. I got just a passion for it. I enjoy the formats.

B2 – PERFECT PARTNER

WHILE GOLF IS TYPICALLY AN INDIVIDUAL SPORT, THE PRESIDENTS CUP TURNS SOLITUDE INTO CONNECTIVITY... AND THE KEY TO TEAM SUCCESS ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS THAT COMPRISE A GREAT TEAMMATE ...

KEEGAN BRADLEY: Somebody that you feel comfortable out there playing with.

TONY FINAU: Just an all-around solid team player. Your attitude has to be up tempo no matter the situation and cheering on your guy whether you're playing well or not.

WYNDHAM CLARK: Nothing seems to waiver him. If you hit a poor shot or if you put them in a bad place, he goes, 'yeah, it's okay, let's move on to the next one.'

PATRICK CANTLAY: Not afraid to be himself out there. You don't feel any pressure to do anything different than you normally do.

BRIAN HARMAN: I've played with a bunch of different types of guys and for me, as long as a guy's given it all and hates to lose, I'll play with him.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: There's no one that I don't get along with. But if there was someone I didn't get along with, if they shot 62, I'm going to frickin hold him up and hug him and give him a cigar.

B3 – MAX HOMA: MAXIMUM MOXIE

OVER THE COURSE OF THE PAST TWO TEAM COMPETITIONS, THERE'S STATISTICALLY NO PARTNER BETTER THAN MAX HOMA ...

ANNC: And he delivers!

MAX HOMA: I'm not sure why people would say I'm a great partner. I do think I try to boost up my partners confidence level. I try to tell them, you go be Superman and I'll be here for you.

NATS: Bang!

MAX HOMA: If I'm on that golf course, I still have a chance and I'll be fighting for it.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Max is a dog; he's shown a lot of his bite. You feel like there's just no way he's going to let it go. He shows a lot of heart; he shows a lot of fire.

HOMA SET HIS 20-22 PRESIDENTS CUP DEBUT ABLAZE, GOING UNDEFEATED AND SECURING FOUR POINTS FOR THE AMERICANS ...

KEEGAN BRADLEY: Max fits the mold of a match-play player. He's able to excite the crowd, excite his partner, excite his team and those are attributes you really want on a Presidents Cup team.

NATS: Oh boy what a shot! One of the best swings in the game comes up big here.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: He's just really relished the environment. It's something that you can't really teach to guys. As an American, I really love having him on our side here in the team events.

HOMA CONTINUED THAT INTANGIBLE SUCCESS IN LAST YEAR'S RYDER CUP, RECORDING THREE-AND-A-HALF TOTAL POINTS ...

BRIAN HARMAN: He hates to lose, he gives everybody bit he's got, and he's just a, he's a competitor. Him and I did extremely well together. I'd take Max to war anytime.

MAX HOMA: I think my biggest reflection was just that the moment wasn't going to be too big. You never really know if you're going to be able to make those putts and hit those shots under a lot of pressure. You don't want to let your team down, but it was really cool to see that I didn't blink in those moments. I was worried that maybe I built them up too much, that they weren't going to live up to the hype, but they exceeded it. It was about as fun as you should ever be allowed to have playing golf.

ANYONE WOULD BE HAPPY TO PARTNER WITH MAX HOMA, BUT IT WAS TONY FINAU WHO HAD THE HONOR TWICE IN 20-22 ...

TONY FINAU: I had so much fun playing with Max at Quail Hollow. We really thrived with each other. I think we fed off each other well.

ANNC: Oh, that's a great four for the American side! Tony Finau liked it!

AND THE DUO WON BOTH OF THEIR FOURSOMES MATCHES ...

ANNC: This to win the match ... so, Homa and Finau beat the International side, 4&3!

THROUGHOUT THE HISTORY OF THE PRESIDENTS CUP, THE UNITED STATES HAS DOMINATED FOURSOMES SESSIONS, WINNING 63% OF THE POSSIBLE POINTS ...

MAX HOMA: I always thought of foursomes as being about ... chemistry and really getting along with your partner. So, maybe it's just a comfort level.

AND THERE ARE NO TWO PLAYERS WITH BETTER CHEMISTRY THAN PATRICK CANTLAY AND XANDER SCHAUFFELE ...

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: We understand how we play the game, how we attack holes, how we think about certain shots. So, we almost become sort of like one brain when we're out there. We kind of sync up and, really, there's not much stress.

ANNC: Patrick pulverized his tee shot, Xander with just a wedge ... and took full advantage of that!

THE DREAM TEAM IS A PERFECT 3-AND-0 IN FOURSOMES IN TWO PRESIDENTS CUPS ...

PATRICK CANTLAY: Most of our stats across the board, there's no real weak points. And so, when we get in alternate shot, it's really playing consistent golf and hitting solid golf shots. And we tend to wear guys out.

ANNC: Schauffele and Cantlay win again! Put the first point on the board for the U.S.

MORE RECENTLY, TEAM USA IS 10-5-AND-3 IN FOURSOMES IN THE PREVIOUS TWO PLAYINGS, OPPOSED TO 6-9-AND-3 IN THE FOUR-BALL FORMAT ...

ANNC: Look at the lopsided advantage for the Americans through the years in the foursome session. You look beyond that, it really doesn't dictate the dominance that the Americans have had in the overall Presidents Cup.

KEEGAN BRADLEY: We're playing one of these tournaments once a year. So, we got pairings that we know are good. So, they're gonna be tough in a match play setting.

B5 – 2007 FOURSOMES

THERE'S NEVER BEEN A BETTER DISPLAY OF DOMINANCE IN FOURSOMES THAN WHAT TEAM USA ACCOMPLISHED THE LAST TIME THE PRESIDENTS CUP WAS PLAYED AT THE ROYAL MONTREAL GOLF CLUB ...

ANNC: So, Jack Nicklaus' squads take five of the six matches. You've got about as good of a day as Jack Nicklaus could have asked for; just absolutely dominated the Internationals.

STEWART CINK: The energy was just spectacular.

ANNC: Stewart Cink, lengthy putt for birdie for the U.S. Team ... pours it right in!

DAVID TOMS: The fans were incredible and we had a great experience. I just loved every minute of it.

ANNC: Look out ... so, David Toms holing it out of the bunker!

ADAM SCOTT: Nothing really went well for us. The U.S. played well, and I would say most of us underperformed.

ANNC: Momentum is everything in team competition. When you can get off to a good start, that momentum can often times carry right through the end of the week.

THE UNITED STATES CONTINUED THEIR MOMENTUM IN THE SECOND FOURSOMES SESSION WITH A CLEAN 5-NIL SWEEP ...

ANNC: 10-and-a-half out of 11 foursome points go to the U.S.

C1 – FIRST TEE BUILDOUT

MIKE WEIR: There's a lot going on on the first tee of the Presidents Cup. It's an electric atmosphere. Those fans that were there in 2022, the enclosed atmosphere, stadium-like feel. The chants from the crowd. There's going to be that similar atmosphere, but it's all going to be wrapped in our home team black.

JIM FURYK: You come from the putting green to enter in a stadium like atmosphere. Fans cheering for each side. There's going to be a lot of Canadian fans and a lot of international fans cheering for their team and it just creates a lot of excitement. We, as players, prepared our whole

career for moments where you step on the first tee and you're in that great atmosphere and there's no place you'd rather be.

ANNC: (FRENCH LANGUAGE)

ANNC: Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the 2024 Presidents Cup.

C2 – FIRST TEE NERVES

THE FIRST TEE IN MONTREAL WILL HOST 25-HUNDRED FANS – MATCHING THE EVENT'S LARGEST BUILD FROM 20-22 – ADDING TO THE PRESSURE OF HITTING THAT FIRST TEE SHOT ...

TONY FINAU: I still remember it like it was yesterday in 2019. I remember not being able to feel my arms.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: You show up on a first tee, there's nerves. Honestly, I think the nerves for a Presidents Cup starts on the range.

MAX HOMA: I was fairly overwhelmed walking to the first tee.

NATS: And Xander Schauffele!

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: You get to the tee and you start to hear the USA chants.

NATS: U-S-A!

MAX HOMA: I'm very, very thankful Tony hit the first tee shot. He was a superhero at that point to me.

TONY FINAU: When you tee your ball up, it seems like there's havoc going on around you ...

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: I just think it's all the people that kind of crowd around the tee. They go crazy.

TONY FINAU: And then you tee your ball up and it's dead quiet.

TONY FINAU: There's a lot of a lot of nerves involved, but overall, you have to relish it.

COLIN MORIKAWA: That's what's really cool about team events, especially the Presidents Cup, is it channels that energy into not necessarily being nervous, but fuel and excitement.

THE GUYS WHO HAVE BEEN THERE KNOW EXACTLY WHAT TO EXPECT ... BUT THE GUYS WHO HAVE NOT ARE EAGER AND EXCITED.

RUSSELL HENLEY: I'm sure it's a rush; a rush that I've never experience before. Just the adrenaline you probably have from representing your country and knowing that you've worked a lot of hours and a lot of years to get to this point especially for me.

SAHITH THEEGALA: It's something I haven 't been able to do in my life, yet, and I just can't even imagine what the what the feeling is going to be like when I step on that first tee. It's going to be stressful, but in the best way possible. It's nerves that you want to have. It's just going to feel kind of like a full circle moment.

C3 – SAHITH THEEGALA: MIND GAMES

SAHITH THEEGALA: This team would definitely give me another feather in the cap in terms of self-confidence and a little bit more validation. Just seeing that the progress I've made with my team has, has led me to being on the Presidents Cup team.

SAHITH THEEGALA'S JOURNEY TO THE UNITED STATES' PRESIDENTS CUP TEAM HAS BEEN EVENTFUL, AND A GOAL ON THE FOREFRONT OF HIS MIND FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS ...

SAHITH THEEGALA: Last few weeks – obviously, it's coming up in a little over a month now – it's obviously been a big talking point. It's really cool to be even thinking about that. I really, really want to make the team, but also just want to play, you know, good golf.

DESPITE PERSONAL DOUBTS AND DISBELIEF OF HIS PLACE IN THE GAME ...

SAHITH THEEGALA: The fact that I'm even on the PGA TOUR is pretty absurd. I still don't feel like I'm really there at the top of the game, slowly building confidence every week.

ANNC: It's got a chance ... whoa, how about that!

TONY FINAU: Sahith is an incredible player. I've really been able to see his game on the biggest stages. I would say right now, he's definitely underrated. A lot of people know about him, but they're going to learn a lot more

ANNC: Oh, it's in! Wow, splashed out; splashed in!

COLLIN MORIKAWA: I've known Sahith since we've been eight, nine years old. So, I've always known he's had a lot of talent. I think this year he's made that big leap and he's still getting better.

ANNC: High fives about to turn to hugs ... and tears ... of joy! Sahith Theegala is a winner on the PGA TOUR!

SAHITH THEEGALA: The Napa event was huge for me. It just kind of reinforces that I'm going down the right path.

EVEN WITH THE VICTORY PROVIDING ADDED CONFIDENCE, THEEGALA STILL FEELS ROOM FOR GROWTH...

SAHITH THEEGALA: It's still crazy to me that I'm, whatever, 13th or 14th in the world. I feel like I have so much room to improve. I want to get to the best in the world, I don't know if it's possible. I know I talked about false reality, but it's going to take a lot of work for me to get to where I do dream of myself at some point.

WHILE ALL THE TALK IS CENTERED AROUND HIS GOLF, IT'S A GAME OF KINGS THAT HELPS THEEGALA SHARPEN HIS MENTAL STRENGTH ...

NATS: Gosh, chess is such a great game. I honestly learned it when I was really young.

SAHITH THEEGALA: The comparison between chess and match play is there for sure. Match play is the only time in golf where you're genuinely playing against the other player, you're not too worried about the golf course. If your opponent makes a bad move, you have to capitalize on it because they're only going to make one or two blunders. And if you don't, the momentum goes straight back to their side. You definitely have to think more than one step ahead. It's a little bit of guesswork, too. Some mind games involved. I love the thought of a drivable par four, even if you're not first to play. You pull out the driver, even though you're going to lay up. You just got to leave your opponent not knowing what you're going to do to a certain extent. If you don't do that, then I think you're starting at a disadvantage.

WITH STRONGER MENTAL FORTITUDE COINCIDING WITH HIS ASCENT IN THE WORLD RANKINGS, THEEGALA IS PRIMED TO SHOWCASE HIS PROGRESSION IN MONTREAL ...

SAHITH THEEGALA: I've had an awesome season. I think there's a lot I can draw off that I can use as confidence for the Presidents Cup. This year I felt like I took a step above from my past two years. If I have my best stuff, I feel like I can go toe-to-toe with anybody.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: I think he'd be an amazing teammate and an amazing partner because he is a very positive guy. If I want that on my team, I'd definitely want him; I don't want to be going against someone like that.

TONY FINAU: He's going to be a staple on our U.S. team for many years to come.

SAHITH THEEGALA: That's something that you want on your resume. You want as many Presidents Cups, you want as many Ryder Cups. It's been a goal ever since I was a kid, just to be part of something that's bigger than yourself. Feels like I'm playing for my team, my family, my friends and it's a good feeling.

D1 – REJOIN

THIS IS THE ROAD TO THE PRESIDENTS CUP – BROUGHT TO YOU BY GLOBAL PARTNERS ROLEX ... ONE PASSWORD... AND COGNIZANT.

D2 – WHAT MAKES TEAM USA DOMINANT

ANNC: They've been playing for that coveted Presidents Cup since 1994 and the United States has absolutely dominated the competition!

PATRICK CANTLAY: There's a lot of pressure to win that that week and not cede any momentum to the internationals.

ANNC: And Cantlay ... just drives it home for a crucial full point!

MAX HOMA: The U.S. obviously has done a really good job in these events. It just felt like we were playing some great golf.

GOOD GOLF IS A RESULT OF GREAT PLAYERS ... AND ALL 12 MEMBERS OF THE U.S. TEAM ARE RANKED INSIDE THE TOP 25 OF THE WORLD GOLF RANKING – COMPARED TO ONLY FOUR ON THE INTERNATIONAL TEAM ...

KEEGAN BRADLEY: Guys on our team make a lot of birdies. Great wedge players so, they're going to be tough in a match play setting.

ANNC: Xander Schauffele showing that American grit along with the talent!

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Winning takes care of a lot of things. Good golf takes care of a lot of things.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: What it comes down to is just meshing together really well, being a team. We just know what works and we've been able to obviously beat the International team.

ANNC: The dominance continues at the Presidents Cup for the red, white and blue!

WYNDHAM CLARK: Even though we've had a lot of success in the Presidents Cup, we got to still go in there with the mindset that we're the team to beat and we have to go prove that.

JIM FURYK: I don't really think you need to go in the team room and explain how important the event is. They want to play for their country and on a team.

D3 – STANDUP

TO SAY THAT THE UNITED STATES TEAM IS STACKED IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT – WHICH ALSO EXPLAINS THEIR DOMINANCE IN THIS EVENT, WITH 12 WINS, ONE TIE AND ONLY ONE LOSS IN 14 PLAYINGS OF THE PRESIDENTS CUP.

CONSISTENTLY COMPRISED OF THE TOP PLAYERS IN THE WORLD, IT'S THAT ELITE LEVEL OF TALENT THAT HAS PUSHED THE UNITED STATES TEAM ACROSS THE FINISH LINE FIRST IN THE PREVIOUS NINE PRESIDENTS CUPS, AND THE FIREPOWER THEY WILL RELY ON TO MAKE IT 10-IN-A-ROW.

AND U.S. TEAM VETERAN – AND THE NUMBER TWO RANKED PLAYER IN THE WORLD – FITS THAT CRITERIA ABOVE AND BEYOND ...

D4 – XANDER SCHAUFFELE: CULT OF PERSONALITY

ANNC: Xander will absolutely grind out every shot possible. The guy never gives up on any round or any shot.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I was going through about a two-year spell where I didn't win a golf tournament.

ANNC: Every time he's finished second, it just made him work harder.

FOLLOWING A FOURTH RUNNER-UP FINISH IN 12 MONTHS – AND EVEN AFTER SEVEN VICTORIES IN HIS FIRST SEVEN SEASONS ON THE PGA TOUR – XANDER SCHAUFFELE UNLOCKED THE ULTIMATE CONFIDENCE BOOST THIS YEAR, WINNING THE PGA CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP IN A TWO-MONTH SPAN ...

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Winning any tournament helps us players gain confidence. But winning my first major and then a second one shortly after added to that self-belief bucket.

ANNC: An incredible late spring and summer for Xander Schauffele.

MAX HOMA: To see his success, finally getting the breakthrough with the major and then winning another one, has been awesome. He deserves all of it.

NATS: Xander Schauffele!

TONY FINAU: I've been extremely impressed with Xander. He's really become so sharp in every aspect of his game. The guy doesn't have a weakness.

ANNC: Birdie number seven and Schauffele up by one.

PATRICK CANTLAY: He's played well for the last number of years. And it doesn't surprise me at all to see him play as well as he's played, and I hope he continues to do so.

ANNC: Oh yeah! It's a much tougher hole location to get in close, but not for Xander.

TONY FINAU: It's been really impressive to just watch his career unfold and win as a deserved champion.

AND WHILE SCHAUFFELE IS PLAYING AT THE TOP OF GAME RIGHT NOW, HIS TALENT WAS ON FULL DISPLAY IN HIS LAST TWO PRESIDENTS CUP APPEARANCES ...

ANNC: Big swing in momentum here! And now Schauffele, 1 UP with three to play.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: It's one of the most fun weeks we have all year long. You have so many stars on the team and at the end of the day, everyone just wants to help each other and kind of push the same direction.

ANNC: Massive putt by Xander!

MAX HOMA: Xander is a great leader and teammate. He pushes everybody and he wants to win. And I just think that competitiveness in general oozes throughout the rest of the team.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: He's someone that, one, has the experience, but also two, is just ready to take on, you know, headfirst against whoever you're playing against.

ANNC: Chance to put it away ... It's Xander Schauffele who delivers the last decisive point!

WITH A 6-3-AND-0 RECORD IN THE PRESIDENTS CUP, SCHAUFFELE'S HAD A HUGE IMPACT ON TEAM USA'S SUCCESS ... BUT HIS ROLE EXTENDS BEYOND HIS PHYSICAL PERFORMANCE ...

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Xander is definitely the class clown for us.

ANNC: The funniest guy in the team room, Xander Schauffele. You might not know that when you see him play golf because he is so locked in.

TONY FINAU: Xander is awesome in a team room. He's so funny. Always cracking jokes. Any time I have the, you know, Xander in my mind, it's of him laughing, you know, his, his crazy laugh.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: When you have 12 guys on the team, you want someone to just kind of keep everyone, just, happy. That's him for sure.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: It can be kind of tense at times. When I'm relaxed and feeling good, you know, is when I usually play my best. So, you know, if we're winning, we're smoking cigars. That is sort of the rule.

PATRICK CANTLAY: The jokes and the, the little nudges that he'll give guys, you know, it's fun to see. And that's those things are some of the best parts of those weeks.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Having guys like Xander on the team that'll keep things loose while still being competitive is a good person to have on the team.

TONY FINAU: We all know how incredible he is at golf. What he brings to the team atmosphere, I think, is unscalable and be cool to have him as a teammate again.

E1 – THE LEGEND OF “AQUAMAN”

JIM FURYK: 2007, I ... I don't know, fortunately or unfortunately, got to witness Aquaman fall in the water here.

ANNC: 16. Look at this. Here's – oh no! Woody Austin trying to hit it out of the water! Oh my gosh. Austin overboard!

JIM FURYK: In one sense I felt pretty bad. My teammate went in the water. On the other sense, I couldn't stop laughing. And so, I had to kind of pull my hat over my head.

ANNC: Look at this! (Laughter) Oh, Woody!

JIM FURYK: As I was following that match, I had that session off, and it was a close one. Kind of cheering on my teammates. Hoping to, you know, win a point, win a half point. My memory of it is I was probably about 50 yards from Woody when that happened, but it hit me very clearly that I was kind of in line with the television camera. So, when he made that swing, lost his balance, and then, kind of, fell into the water, it was one of those moments that you wanted to laugh, but I felt bad. So, I just, kind of, pulled my hat down over my face because I knew that the camera could see me. And then my shoulders were kind of like – everyone was laughing at that time. He's soaking wet and he has no dry clothes. I was peeling off layers. I was peeling off sweaters and vests and a jacket. I was trying to keep him warm. So, I took everything off I had dry and gave it to Woody so that he could put on a, you know, a sweater and stay warm on the way in.

JIM FURYK: My memory is he played some really good golf on the way in for the last three or four holes and ended up getting a half out of that match.

JIM FURYK: The goggles, the “Aquaman”, I think he endeared himself to a lot of people just for the humility and being able to poke fun at himself along the way.

WOODY AUSTIN: I don't think anyone's ever face first in the water except me. What about stepping up and birdieing the last three holes for a half for your team? And nobody remembers that.

E2 – STANDUP

CAPTAIN JIM FURYK FEELS RIGHT AT HOME IN CANADA. THE 2-TIME RBC CANADIAN OPEN CHAMPION, WENT 3-2-AND-0 FOR THE UNITED STATES IN THE 2007 PRESIDENTS CUP AT THE ROYAL MONTREAL GOLF CLUB – ONE OF HIS SEVEN PRESIDENTS CUP APPEARANCES AS A PLAYER.

HE HAS SERVED AS A CAPTAIN'S ASSISTANT TWICE, AND WAS CAPTAIN OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE 20-18 RYDER CUP BUT WILL MAKE HIS DEBUT AT THE HELM IN THE PRESIDENTS CUP, A POSITION THAT HE HOLDS WITH PRIDE FOR THE RED, WHITE, AND BLUE.

E3 – JIM FURYK: EVEN KEEL CAPTAIN

JIM FURYK: You start each-and-every year kind of making some goals and for almost every player, making a Presidents Cup team, that's usually kind of one of the first things on the list, if not the first thing on your list that I want to be considered one of the 12 best Americans in the game.

NATS: From Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, Jim Furyk!

BEGINNING IN 1998, JIM FURYK EARNED 21-AND-A-HALF POINTS IN SEVEN PRESIDENTS CUPS, PROVING PIVOTAL IN FIVE U.S. TEAM VICTORIES ...

JIM FURYK: We had a lot of fun together, a lot of camaraderie, and we won a bunch of Presidents Cups. And so that would be what I'm, I'm most proud of.

MIKE WEIR: He was a stalwart of those teams for all those years and performed well.

JAY HAAS: He just seems to be in control at all times. He's never flustered.

ANNC: 6&5 margin by Furyk and Haas! 8-under in their 13 holes of better ball!

STEWART CINK: It was always amazing how the adrenalin would be like just coursing through our bodies and Furyk's like the same exact guy, like, just same exact distance pin high.

ANNC: That's startin' right at it ... that's all over it!

STEWART CINK: He had like the ice water veins. He's so competitive, he just wanted to win.

FURYK WAS NO STRANGER TO WINNING, AS HE DID SO 17 TIMES ON THE PGA TOUR ... NOTABLY THE 2003 U.S. OPEN, THE 20-10 TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP, AND BACK-TO-BACK TITLES IN THE RBC CANADIAN OPEN ...

MAX HOMA: It is one of the most underrated careers I could think of. He's intense. He has a lot of passion. He's prideful. Obviously, a wealth of knowledge in the game of golf.

KEEGAN BRADLEY: Jim Furyk is one of the best players to play the TOUR. A guy that does everything the right way. Practices hard. Is a grinder. A guy that you can really look up to and model your game after.

WYNDHAM CLARK: Jim has obviously the credentials to be a great captain, but then also is a good person and a huge competitor. So, I think he's going to be one of our best captains yet.

FURYK'S PERSONAL SUCCESS AND EXPERIENCE IN TEAM COMPETITIONS EARNED HIM A RYDER CUP CAPTAINCY FOR THE UNITED STATES IN 20-18, AND A ROLE AS CAPTAIN'S ASSISTANT IN BOTH THE 20-15 AND 20-17 PRESIDENTS CUPS ...

TONY FINAU: I was fortunate to play on the Ryder Cup team in 2018. He was a great captain. I loved playing under him and I look forward to playing under him again in 2024.

COLLIN MORIKAWA: He's experienced every team event possible, and he knows what it takes to win.

JIM FURYK: This younger generation has seen me around the Ryder Cups and Presidents Cups as an assistant captain kind of understand who I am and how much these events mean to me.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: He's going to be a great leader. I think he'll be very organized and he's extremely competitive as well. And I love that in a captain.

PATRICK CANTLAY: He has a great way about him, a great demeanor. He's a fiery competitor and really wants to win. And he's expressed how much he's willing to do anything in his power to help us win. And that's exactly what you would want out of a captain.

JIM FURYK: I want to lead by example and I want 12 guys that really, really enjoy being the away team and on the road. And we'll take pride in that and come in here and play hard.

E4 – KEEGAN BRADLEY – WHIRLWIND JOURNEY

ONE OF FURYK'S MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES AS CAPTAIN IS ASSEMBLING A ROSTER – AND A STAFF – SUITED TO WIN A 10TH-CONSECUTIVE CUP ...

AND AFTER BEING *EXCLUDED* FROM LAST YEAR'S RYDER CUP, KEEGAN BRADLEY WAS DETERMINED TO BE *INCLUDED* ON THE U.S. TEAM IN MONTREAL ...

AND WHAT A WHIRLWIND OF A JOURNEY IT HAS BEEN FOR HIM THIS YEAR...

KEEGAN BRADLEY: Not making the Ryder Cup last year was a huge bummer.

KEEGAN BRADLEY: I want to be on these teams. I want to play Presidents Cup team to hopefully play the Ryder Cup team at Bethpage.

ANNC: This is one of those putts that you think to yourself it might be my day.

KEEGAN BRADLEY: It was it was a tough time ... But then, shortly after, you got to put that away

ANNC: This for birdie ... can't stop a good putt!

KEEGAN BRADLEY: What's great about golf is you have the opportunity every week to do it yourself. When you miss out on a team like that, you can use it as motivation to keep going.

ANNC: There's a slope right here ... this should be really good.

KEEGAN BRADLEY: My mindset was to try to keep winning and contending. Give myself, five, six, really nice chances to win. And if I put myself there enough, I feel like I'll win.

ANNC: Perfect angle ... and this is tracking. Sensational! That was one of the best shots we've seen.

KEEGAN BRADLEY: I would love to be on the Presidents Cup team. To play for Jim Furyk, a guy that I've played on multiple teams with and a guy that I respect a lot, would be amazing.

BRADLEY'S PASSION FOR TEAM EVENTS WAS RECOGNIZED IN THE SUMMER – AS HE WAS NAMED CAPTAIN FOR THE 20-25 RYDER CUP – IN A SURPRISE TO EVEN KEEGAN HIMSELF ... AND SHORTLY THERE AFTER, AN ASSISTANT CAPTAIN FOR JIM FURYK IN THE 20-24 PRESIDENTS CUP ...

KEEGAN BRADLEY: It's not something when I first came out on TOUR, I ever thought I'd get the opportunity to do ... to be a vice captain, let alone a captain. But it means a lot to me that my peers think that of me to be in that role.

JIM FURYK: We have a lot of symmetry in the U.S. Whoever is the Ryder Cup captain in New York, I want them on my staff for the Presidents Cup because I want symmetry for the next year. I've learned from a lot of captains along the way and hopefully I can help some captains in the future as well.

KEEGAN BRADLEY: I'm excited to be a vice captain for Jim Furyk. Seeing how he operates in the team room, how he comes up with pairings, how he talks to his vice captains, the information he takes in, the information that he doesn't. Just seeing how he operates is going to be a big asset to me at Bethpage in '25.

KEEGAN BRADLEY: It's still a goal of mine to make the Presidents Cup team. You got to go out there and really prove that you're good enough and worthy enough to be on the team. So, I got a great opportunity here the next handful of weeks to make this team and play.

ANNC: Keegan Bradley takes the BMW again!

ANNC: Is there a Presidents Cup spot on the line, who knows, but the Ryder Cup captain will be fired up; you know that.

KEEGAN BRADLEY: I can certainly learn a lot doing either one; and who knows how that's going to work out. But I know whatever I have to do for the Presidents Cup, whether it's play or be vice captain, I'm going to learn a lot and take a lot from it.

HAVING SET THE GOAL SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON – AND MAYBE SPEAKING IT INTO FRUITION – BRADLEY RECEIVED THE PHONE CALL – THE ONE THAT HE'D HOPED FOR – *AND DIDN'T GET* – A YEAR AGO ...

JIM FURYK: His year, back against the wall, 50th after Memphis, after the FedEx ... goes to the BMW, gets a win, leads wire-to-wire. I think getting it done when you have to is a big thing. And so, a guy that grinded it out and came up in big moments here at the end of the season, that's what you want in your Presidents Cup team.

KEEGAN BRADLEY: To represent the United States in, in a Presidents Cup means everything. It's a different generation of players that's out here now. And I'd really enjoy to be in that team room and see how they operate and be out in the course and win some points for the team.

F1 – USA VS THE WORLD

BRIAN HARMAN: It's not often in golf that you get to play in a real away game scenario, so I relish it.

PATRICK CANTLAY: It'll be fun to go to Canada and be in hostile territory.

ANNC: And Cantlay just drives it home for a crucial full point win for him and Xander Schauffele. They're going to suck the energy right out of this crowd.

KEEGAN BRADLEY: Being the road team is fun. That's part of playing on these teams is feeling what it's like to be the Boston Celtics and play in New York. Or be the Patriots and play in Miami.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: When you're in an arena and people are booing you and cheering against you, it's almost kind of kind of a fun experience. There's always a huge roar for the home team. And there's always a slightly quieter roar for the away team.

NATS: (fans cheering)

WYNDHAM CLARK: We're the team to beat and we have to go prove that. And we are always using every event, every time that we put on the red, white, and blue as an opportunity to win on the road.

SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER: Sometimes when you're playing a team at home, you know, they can really ride off some momentum from the crowd. And so, it's important to go out there and try to play some good golf so that the crowd can stay fairly quiet.

MAX HOMA: I love hearing it get real quiet when you play over kind of enemy lines.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: They're going to come up with some songs, you know, that are hopefully funny.

FAN NATS: Yummy, yummy, yummy, chameleon. Straight on the green! Straight on the green!

KEEGAN BRADLEY: Sometimes when there's a lot of people cheering against you, it can bring your team closer together.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Canadians are very nice people. I don't feel like the level of harassment should be too bad, but you just embrace being on the road and you know, you're a guest there and, just try and show out with the golf, as always.

F2 – CLOSING STANDUP

WE ARE JUST DAYS AWAY FROM THE PRESIDENTS CUP OFFICIALLY TAKING OVER MONTREAL – WITH BOTH TEAMS PRIMED AND ANXIOUS FOR THE COMPETITION TO BEGIN.

WILL THE U.S. DOMINANCE CONTINUE – OR WILL THE FIERY INTERNATIONAL SQUAD UNITE UNDER THE SHIELD AND BREAK THE LONG, GLOBAL DROUGHT.

I'M PAIGE MACKENZIE...

THANKS FOR RIDING ALONG WITH US ON THE ROAD TO THE PRESIDENTS CUP – AS WE FINISH OUR JOURNEY LOOKING BACK AT WHERE WE LEFT OFF IN 2022.

F3 – ROLLOUT x 2022 LOOK BACK

COLLIN MORIKAWA: All you want to do is get that point on the board.

ANNC: Schauffele and Cantlay win again.

ANNC: And it's another resounding lead after foursomes play; 4 to 1.

ANNC: First point on this Friday goes the American way!

ANNC: The United States leads 8 to 2.

MAX HOMA: The team events bring out a lot of joy, passion, intensity, tenacity.

ANNC: Justin Thomas and Jordan Spieth win 4&3!

ANNC: The final day of what has already been a wild week.

ANNC: 3&1 victory for Finau!

TONY FINAU: Absolutely nothing like representing your country.

ANNC: You can add another one to Burns' list!

ANNC: The U.S. wins the Presidents Cup for the 12th time! You're seeing the present and future of American golf!
