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**Cold Open**

ANNC: Been a long wait for Utah golf fans to see the PGA TOUR make its return. What a gorgeous part of the country we're in // for the inaugural edition of the Black Desert Championship.

PATRICK FISHBURN: I think the state of Utah is so excited. Everyone's just fired up to go down to this tournament. Black Desert. The course is going to be unbelievable.

ANNC: That's going to look really cool on TV, the Black Desert Championship

PATRICK MANNING: We knew the land was very special. We called the PGA TOUR and let them know that we'd be very willing to have them come have a tournament here

JAY DON BLAKE: The public's going to love it. The PGA tour players are going to enjoy playing the golf course.

**The CUT Titles**

VO: WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT.

**Celia Standup**

CELIA PALERMO: FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 60 YEARS, THE PGA TOUR HAS RETURNED TO UTAH FOR THE BLACK DESERT CHAMPIONSHIP. THE SETTING IS UNLIKE ANY OTHER ON TOUR, I MEAN LOOK AT THIS PLACE. WHILE MOST PLAYERS ARE TAKING IT IN FOR THE FIRST TIME, ROOKIE PATRICK FISHBURN FEELS RIGHT AT HOME.

**Patrick Fishburn Feature**

NATS: Hi bullseye! Hi Bullseye! What are ya doing? What are ya doing today buddy? You been eating some hay? Blow him a kiss? Oh that's a good neigh. That's our neigh. Bullseye was expecting some treats I think. Hey neigh, that's neigh neigh! Is that your neigh? He's a good boy, huh.

PATRICK FISHBURN: We're in Farr West, Utah. This is where I grew up. Kind of out in the country a little bit, but such a great people around here.

ANDY FISHBURN: We raise horses, then we train them here, and then we sell them. We're probably one of the one of the bigger people in the country that do it. We just happened to do it in Utah, not in Texas.

ANDY FISHBURN: They teach you a lot of highs and lows. They teach you a lot of patience.

CELIA PALERMO: So there's similarities between that and golf.

ANDY FISHBURN: Yeah it takes a lot of hard work, and you can win by an inch or lose by an inch, basically. A lot of heartbreak. You get real close to winning something big or selling one, and then something happens. So there's a lot of highs and there's a lot of lows, but they teach you to deal with adversity. It's a family business here. Patrick's golf business is family, we just all kind of do it together.

PATRICK FISHBURN: There's a lot of work to be done on a horse ranch, so it was a great place to grow up.

PATRICK FISHBURN: My dad got me into golf. I'm the youngest by a long ways, and my sisters were all-state basketball players. We kind of played basketball and golf as a family.

STEVE FISHBURN: We'd go out to the country club and we'd play golf. And amazingly enough, he'd stand there for, for 6 or 7 holes and be perfectly content just figuring out what was going on around.

ANDY FISHBURN: We wanted him to play college basketball because basketball was, for us, was more fun to watch. He told us he's playing golf. He was just naturally gifted at whatever sport he decided to do at the time. He kind of could do it all.

PATRICK FISHBURN: I decided to go to a year of school at BYU and I put the clubs aside for a couple of years. I actually served a two year volunteering mission for the Church of Jesus Christ, Latter-Day Saints.

ANDY FISHBURN: It was very, very impressive because when he was going to leave, he had the world at his hands. He was the best golfer around. He could have been 1 or 2 years in college and been miles ahead on the TOUR, but he decided stop everything, go serve a mission for two years.

STEVE FISHBURN: When I asked him why you made that decision, he just said, I've been blessed with so much throughout my life that it's time I pay the Lord back for what he's blessed me with.

PATRICK FISHBURN: Golfers, I feel like we're naturally probably selfish. And so two years of thinking about other people and trying to help other people was really good for me. And during those two years, you see a lot of tough situations. And so it kind of puts things into perspective.

NATS: Make sure you get the distance. Six yards to the front, eight to the pin. Ok. Here. He's like you are not going to take that. Go ahead, hit your shot. Look around, make sure everyone's watching.

STEVE FISHBURN: You are in an area you're unfamiliar with. You're up at 6:30 in the morning, and you are out basically knocking on doors till 9:00 at night.

PATRICK FISHBURN: I came back and I had a qualifying with BYU and the first qualifying round I shot in 91, it was a nightmare. I thought, know what's going to happen? Will I ever get my game back?

NATS: Nice, maybe an eagle.

PATRICK FISHBURN: It took me a full year to kind of feel mentally okay playing on the course and then probably a year and a half feeling comfortable in tournaments.

NATS: You made a bogey. Aww it's alright.

STEVE FISHBURN: It's the best thing he could have possibly done. And I think now we're starting to see the benefits of that five, six years later.

NATS: Up first from Farr West, Utah, Patrick Fishburn.

PATRICK FISHBURN: It was a brutal start to the year. I think I missed eight of the first nine cuts. And, you know, I was playing to about a five handicap. There's no net flight on the PGA TOUR, unfortunately. You have all those thoughts when you're playing that bad, will you ever play good again?

STEVE FISHBURN: He plays his best golf when he's backed in the corner, it's be a lot easier for us for him if he didn't do that. But he seems to come alive when the going gets tough, when he's when he's dug himself a hole, he tends to play his best golf.

PATRICK FISHBURN: I knew eventually something would click. A big, big point of the year was when I played with my good buddy Zac Blair. It changed my entire year.

ANNC: Very impressed by Patrick Fishburn, he's shown me a lot of guts out there today. He had a T4 back at the Zurich Classic.

ANNC: Fishburn, who had his best career finish last week at Barracuda, solo third.

ANNC: Patrick Fishburn solo third, great week.

PATRICK FISHBURN: When you're playing well, you think you're always going to play good. And when you're playing bad, you never know if you're going to play good again. This year I've had thoughts of will I ever break par and will I ever, you know, make a cut. Now I'm in contention to win. You never know what's going to happen.

ANDY FISHBURN: Everything works out if you put your head down and work hard and stay focused. I think it's prepared him to be a 32 year old rookie that's having a lot of success.

MADISON FISHBURN: I'm glad our boys get to watch him get there, so it's been amazing, he's worked so hard.

NATS: Yes, best of the day. Big one, big hit. That was a birdie maybe.

CELIA PALERMO: What are you most proud of in Patrick?

STEVE FISHBURN: You got me choked up on this. The people that just compliment me on how good of an individual he is. They say he's a great player, but he's even a better person.

CELIA PALERMO: Well Patrick, this is quite the change of scenery from where we were yesterday...set the scene, where are we right now?

PATRICK FISHBURN: We're in St. George, Utah, four hours where I live.

CELIA PALERMO: I know you've made it down here for just a couple of rounds, from your perspective so far, what do you think is going to make this a great championship test?

PATRICK FISHBURN: There's a lot of ways you can play this course. You can be aggressive and throw it up by the greens on some of these par 4s, there's some funnels and slopes that you can use around the holes but also there's a lot of risk. If you hit it off line here you're going to be re-teeing. I think it's going to be a great test, I'm excited to see what happens.

CELIA PALERMO: What would it mean to you to win on the PGA TOUR in your home state?

PATRICK FISHBURN: That's the dream. It's pretty incredible, it's cool for me as a rookie to be playing a tournament in my home state, we haven't had a tournament in my home state ever so it's never really crossed my mind and now we have this opportunity here at the Black Desert Championship, it's going to be a treat.

**The CUT Rejoin**

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**Celia Standup**

CELIA PALERMO: THE STATE OF UTAH HAS STRONG REPRESENTATION IN THE FIELD THIS WEEK. YOU'VE GOT PATRICK FISHBURN, ZAC BLAIR, PETER KUEST, MIKE WEIR. BUT ALL OF THOSE GUYS LOOKED UP TO JAY DON BLAKE. HE TURNED PRO IN 1981, AND MADE OVER 300 CUTS IN 499 STARTS, ONE SHORT OF 500.

**Jay Don Blake Feature**

JAY DON BLAKE: I started playing, I was about eight years old. Used to go out there and pick up the driving range and circle the golf course as much as I could. With that being the first golf course in Saint George, that's all we had. It's a dream I had when I was a young kid, to be a professional golfer.

ANNC: Congratulations to Jay Don Blake. His first title, and the smile tells the story.

NATS: Oh my gosh it is our family!

NATS: Jay Don, could I get you to hold this for me? Oh my goodness!

NATS: This certificate of exemption is provided to the recipient honoring their 500th start on the PGA TOUR hosted at the Black Desert Championship. Patrick Manning.

PATRICK MANNING: To just be able to provide him his 500th TOUR start is nothing short of an honor.

JAY DON BLAKE: To be part of the first event for Saint George, a PGA TOUR event, is a dream from a little kid.

JAY DON BLAKE: For a while there, I was hoping that I would get to 500. Not thinking that my backyard, where that was going to happen.

JAY DON BLAKE: Without the help of, Patrick Manning, Black Desert and the Greater Zion stepping up to the plate, for me, means a lot. It's going to be a special moment.

NATS: Good luck. Go get 'em, brother. Good to see ya. Good to see you.

NATS: Thank you, man.

NATS: We've got a special request, we need to invite Marcie Blake to come forward. Marcie Blake's gonna caddie for, on the tee, from Saint George, Utah, Jay Don Blake. I didn't know I was doing this. Go have fun.

NATS: Great shot!

NATS: Exciting.

NATS: I told her she gave me the wrong yardage! She's out of practice!

NATS: Stay up, turn, go, go, go, woo hoo! Yes. Woo hoo!

NATS: I enjoyed every minute, first hole, fired. Go have fun. It's a great day.

JAY DON BLAKE: The golf was just another thing really. The 500th event is just a crazy dream story. All the emotions were like a whirlwind everywhere, but most of it's been a joy. I really had a good time.

**Birdies Fore Love - Seamus Power**

VO: AT THE 2022 BUTTERFIELD BERMUDA CHAMPIONSHIP, BIRDIES FORE LOVE AWARDED SEAMUS POWER $50,000 TO THE CHARITY OF HIS CHOICE, THANKS TO A TOURNAMENT-HIGH 28 BIRDIES OR BETTER.

ANNC: Power for birdie. Get it there, he's got it on line. Oh yes, he did. How clutch is that from Seamus Power?

SEAMUS POWER: It will go to a charity that helps the families and stuff of cancer victims back home. I lost my mom at a young age to cancer, so it's one of those things that is close to my heart.

VO: POWER DONATED THE MONEY TO THE ALEX'S LEMONADE STAND FOUNDATION, WHICH IN ADDITION TO CANCER RESEARCH, PROVIDES EMOTIONAL, FINANCIAL AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT TO CHILDHOOD CANCER FAMILIES.

SEAMUS POWER: Anything that's going to help young people and help families in need. It was one of those perks after winning, it was kind of cool thing and obviously delighted to be able to help out in any way I can.

SEAMUS POWER: It's a great organization if anyone's out there and is able to help at all, it's fantastic. Anything helping kids in any sort of vulnerable positions is going to be a good thing by me. So it was an easy choice for me when I went to have the option in 2022.

SEAMUS POWER: It's a big figure that they're able to give back at the end of the year. And obviously as players to be able to do everything we can to promote that and to help that, it's part of our responsibility playing out here. To be able to do anything that can help is great, and the more people that get involved in it, the better.

VO: THROUGH THREE EVENTS THIS FALL, LUCAS GLOVER'S 67 BIRDIES OR BETTER LEADS THE 2024 BIRDIES FORE LOVE RACE WITH FIVE EVENTS TO GO.

**Celia Standup**

CELIA PALERMO: HERE IN SOUTHWEST UTAH, THE LAND IS STANDS APART FROM ALMOST ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. YOU’VE GOT THE MOUNTAINS, THE DESERT ALL SORTS OF PLANTS, BUT HERE IT ALL MEETS ATOP A LAVA FIELD. SUCH A UNIQUE LANDSCAPE REQUIRES EVEN MORE UNIQUE PRACTICES TO MAINTAIN THE GOLF COURSE.

**Course Feature**

CELIA PALERMO: This golf course is a masterpiece. Your team has done a great job getting things ready for tournament week. Give us some context for what it took to get this golf course ready for the PGA TOUR.

KEN YATES: It's a new golf course, so it's a grow in, We've been doing the grow in now for two and a half years, touching it up, but the last six weeks when really the soil temperatures got lower, we could use some sod work, we could plant some more seed. We had the course come alive the first of September. It's one of only two golf courses in the desert to have bent grass fairways, and the other one's right next door. So it's unique all around.

CELIA PALERMO: I saw a sign over there, there's endangered species in the ponds here. How much is it on your mind to be good stewards of this region, and giving back and contributing to the growth of it?

KEN YATES: Oh, very much so. It's like the virgin river chub they brought in to the lake on six. It brings more in. There's more birds flying around now than there was here when it was a lava field. And we use electric mowers, electric carts. It's better than running a gas engine.

CELIA PALERMO: What will you take from this year that you maybe look to grow into years to come with this event?

KEN YATES: We're all learning how to do this course here for the first event. And luckily, six months from now, I have LPGA. There's only two golf courses in the country, or two or three golf courses in the country that have both events like that. So this is a learning experience, and I think we've proven that we did a really good job, and the players seem to like it, and spectators are loving it, so I'm just going to continue improving and building off that.

**Black Desert Winner**

ANNC: He'd been the talk of the Korn Ferry Tour, had three wins after July to then get his PGA TOUR card. Matt McCarty in just his third ever PGA TOUR start he's going to win in a big way here at the Black Desert Championship.

MATT MCCARTY: It's been an unbelievable last few months for me. But just to like kind of play well today, that's all I wanted to do, give myself a chance.

ANNC: Meet the newest PGA TOUR winner Matt McCarty.

MATT MCCARTY: Didn't win anything for a couple, three years, and kind of the same until this year. It's really hard to win golf tournaments. Keep telling yourself that and all you can do is really put yourself in contention and see what happens. People always say it, learning how to win. I think it's like learning how to just play in contention and get yourself there more often. Winning sometimes just seems like it kind of happens, especially lately.

ANNC: He was already in THE PLAYERS, he was already in the U.S. Open. Now, you know where he gets to start his 2025 campaign? At the Sentry Tournament of Champions. He's also going to likely get an invitation to play in The Masters. So his year has gone from great to otherworldly good.

MATT MCCARTY: I don't think younger me would believe it. I'm really lucky to be able to do this. I'm just having fun with it, so it's great.

ANNC: This year, his big breakout in 2024 is always going to be a year to remember for Matt McCarty.

**FEC Standings**

VO: AFTER FINISHING ATOP THE 2024 KORN FERRY TOUR STANDINGS, MATT MCCARTY'S FIRST PGA TOUR TITLE VAULTS HIM TO 95TH IN THE FEDEXCUP FALL STANDINGS.

**Rapid Recovery**

VO: THE CUT PRESENTS RAPID RECOVERY.

JUSTIN LOWER: I pushed the second shot maybe, I don't know, 15 yards right of where I was aiming. And I asked for a rules official to come over.

NATS: My first question is do I get cart path relief? Are you able to play a stroke? Are these movable? Yeah anything that's loose.

JUSTIN LOWER: I asked just because it's kind of a wild question.

NATS: Can I move all these rocks and then drop it? I don't think that's reasonable.

JUSTIN LOWER: So I took an unplayable and went on the line straight back from the pin. I had my caddie pace it off, and we roughly got about 95 yards. Dropped back on number four and hit a pretty good shot, it was kind of a guess. Was able to save par.

NATS: Considering the obstacles you were facing on number seven, you consider that a good save for par?

JUSTIN LOWER: 100% yeah.

**Phillips & Kim Swig Inbump**

CHANDLER PHILLIPS: I'm more nervous to take this than I am to take like a tequila shot or something.

CELIA PALERMO: These are dirty sodas, which means you take your favorite drink, Coke, Dr Pepper, Mountain Dew, Fresca, and then they're mixing in all these different things. So, like fruit purees, popping pearls, different fruit flavorings. Here's the crazy one. They'll even put cream or coconut cream in there. And so I think we're in for a little treat.

CHAN KIM: You know, it's the thing out here. So I'm excited to try it. Might surprise us.

CELIA PALERMO: Cheers. The Founder.

CHAN KIM: Oh boy.

CHANDLER PHILLIPS: Okay, not bad. It's a little coconutty

CHAN KIM: Yeah. Coconutty.

CELIA PALERMO: You're a Dr Pepper guy. And this one is perfectly named. It's called the Texas Tab.

CHANDLER PHILLIPS: Okay, these are a lot better than I thought they were going to be.

CHAN KIM: Yeah.

CHANDLER PHILLIPS: Baby powder in there or something. Oh.

CHAN KIM: Guys, it's really not that, I don't think it's that bad.

CELIA PALERMO: You hate that? You hate that? I love that.

CHANDLER PHILLIPS: It caught me off guard.

CELIA PALERMO: What do you think it's based with?

CHANDLER PHILLIPS: I ain't got a clue. That's stout though.

CHAN KIM: Alright. You know what, I'm surprised at these. I could see why people like them.

CELIA PALERMO: Well boys, I appreciate the time. Hopefully this gives you energy to play well this week. We'll be following along. Appreciate the time.

CHAN KIM: Perfect. Thank you, thanks for having us.

**Celia Sign Off**

CELIA PALERMO: THE INAUGURAL BLACK DESERT CHAMPIONSHIP IS OFFICIALLY IN THE BOOKS, AND IT DELIVERED. FROM A HOMECOMING FOR UTAH NATIVES, TO A FIRST TIME WINNER ON THE PGA TOUR IN MATT MCCARTY. NEXT UP WE’RE HEADED TO LAS VEGAS FOR THE SHRINERS CHILDREN’S OPEN, WHERE TOM KIM IS LOOKING FOR A THREE-PEAT. WE’LL SEE YA IN THE SIN CITY.

**Shriners Preview**

ANNC: Familiar desert landscape, TPC Summerlin in Las Vegas. Long history here in what is billed as the entertainment capital of the world. You're going to have to go out there and make a ton of birdies. Scoring conditions have been nearly perfect.

ANNC: Tom Kim is a two-time winner before the age of 21 on the PGA TOUR. Pretty impressive, he has taken the world by storm.

ANNC: Tom Kim has gone back-to-back in the desert.

TOM KIM: To repeat, it's really cool, but really this repeat was only possible because of the kids, because they inspired me so much at the start of the week. If there's anything I can do just to inspire one kid out there, it would mean the world.

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