**24CUTPZOZO MASTER SCRIPT**

**Cold Open**

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I’m the only one born in the U.S. in my family, but for me to be here. It definitely feels like home.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: There was always like, a really loving, warm touch from my mom. contrary. You know, somehow my dad can be at times being the big, brash dude. So it was a nice yin and yang, as they say.

PING-YI SCHAUFFELE : I think my relationship with Xander is more like good friends than parent and child. Xander doesn’t call us mother and father. Everyone calls Stefan Ogre and they call me hamster.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE:It's just a endearing term. My mom's, she's very, very little and very adorable. And, for some reason, one day I just called her a hamster.

PING-YI SCHAUFFELE: Yeah. And ever since then, he just calls me hamster. Yeah, he doesn't call me mom anymore.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: No, It's just hamster.

**VO: WELCOME TO PGA TOUR THE CUT**

**VO: PING-YI SCHAUFFELE WAS BORN IN CHINESE TAIPEI AND RAISED IN TOKYO, JAPAN. HER UNIQUE ASIAN UPBRINGING WOULD HELP PRODUCE ONE OF GOLF'S BIGGEST STARS.**

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: My dad's half French half German and, you know, my mom was born in Taiwan and grew up, grew up here in Japan. So discipline and sort of focus and those are sort of staples and pillars. And I guess even though sort of cross culture, those, those were very, you know, those are common denominators that sat in our family.

PING-YI SCHAUFFELE: We made our kids really kind of strict because, you know, Asian kind of upbringings. So we made sure that our kids are following the rules, I mean, coming home without doing homework, going outside was.

STEFAN SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, impossible.

PING-YI SCHAUFFELE: Yeah. No.

STEFAN SCHAUFFELE: Yeah. Not not an option.

PING-YI SCHAUFFELE:You have to do your homework first. Yeah. Of course. I mean, sorry, but not sorry because it turned out to be okay.

PING-YI SCHAUFFELE: It has been 50 years, probably. It is amazing how they remain the same without any changes. I had that red backpack. I used to wear hats like that too. We raised them in an Asian style since they were little. Things like taking shoes off when you enter the house, eating, etiquette, etc. They learned them in the Japan style. We taught them to respect their elders. I never planned to raise him that way, but I grew up in Japan and I guess I just naturally raised my boys from a young age the same way I was raised. I think Xander was definitely influenced by Japanese culture even though he may not have realized or even known that it was happening that way.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I felt it I felt I felt it. Yeah. In different ways I felt it, you know, my mom was, was pretty strict when it came to homework and, and certain things of that nature. You know, my parents would go about it differently. And, you know, I felt the Asian side for my mom, making sure that we were on top of all our stuff and being tough in that manner.

PING-YI SCHAUFFELE: My father came to Japan as an exchange student long before I was born. While he was here, he just fell in love with the country and decided this was where he wanted to live and ended up staying. And my father and mother still live here today.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I just remember going down this hill is literally just like the opening to the wall was like, the size of, like, maybe two golf cart shields. Like, that's how big it was. You know, they'd cook it right in front of you, and it's just not something we really get in the States.

PING-YI SCHAUFFELE: This used to be the restaurant and when we came down the hill, the kids were always asking for Takoyaki. We would stand right here, buy them and eat the Takoyaki right on the spot.

STEFAN SCHAUFFELE: We ate it so much.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I remember being a kid and, you know, wanting to cruise down there pretty much every day. I was mischievous, you know, I was up to no good. my brother was much more, you know, by the book. And I don't know, I don't know who I got that from.

PING-YI SCHAUFFELE: So Xander is the second one. Second one is always smart because seeing the first one that always getting to travel and then so he was very smart, you know, not to get into trouble. Oh my God. He was like monkey. He loved climbing up. Like every time when you go pick him up in the school, he was always in the monkey bar.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: I did stupid stuff. And then I'd climb random, like, like a light poles. Just to hide, because no one would ever look up a light pole to see, you know, like 15ft up in the air to see if I was there. And then, you know, I would just wait for the reaction. So it's pretty I was kind of a pest to be honest.

PING-YI SCHAUFFELE: I was like, where did he go?

STEFAN SCHAUFFELE: Ready to call the police kind of where did he go.

PING-YI SCHAUFFELE:We couldn't find him. And then he would hear like kind of nothing. And then he climb up on the light pole.

STEFAN SCHAUFFELE: Light pole. All the way up,

PING-YI SCHAUFFELE: All the way, we were like, oh my god come down right now. And then he was just like smiling. And then like coming down, it's unbelievable.

**VO: WHILE XANDER HAS RISEN TO THE HIGHEST RANKS IN THE GOLFING WORLD, THE CONNECTION TO HIS MOTHER AND HER OWN JAPANESE ROOTS REMAIN CONSTANT, WITH XANDER HIMSELF NOW CREATING HIS OWN TIES BACK TO THE COUNTRY WHERE IT ALL STARTED.**

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: A lot of family time, like I remember spending a lot of time

PING-YI SCHAUFFELE: with family.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Yeah, grandparents and certain friends would kind of come in just, come into town to say hi just because we're not here very often. So from a young age, I remember it being very family oriented. And then as I got older, you know, my first pro event was in Japan. So I guess my love for Japan has grown. Obviously family was there first. And I'd definitely say that upbringing helped, when it comes to being successful on the golf course.

PING-YI SCHAUFFELE: What makes me very proud is that even though he won the gold medal at the Olympics, or has become very famous, he is the same old Xander. He’s still kind and gentle and always thinking about others. That has not changed.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: To the Hampster. Thank you for always having my back. And, it's a treat for me to be able to to be here with you and the whole family. And, I love you. I love you so much. And, you know, I hope. I hope we can keep coming here for for a very long time.

PING-YI SCHAUFFELE: Yes, I hope so, too.

XANDER SCHAUFFELE: Not to make it awkward.

**REJOIN**

**ZOZO RAPID FIRE JT INBUMP**

JUSTIN THOMAS: Favorite Japanese food? Gonna go with sushi.

JUSTIN THOMAS: Where would I like to visit in Japan? I would like to spend a little more time in Tokyo. My only time was during the Olympics and Covid. Didn’t get to do a whole lot.

JUSTIN THOMAS: Do you have a motto? If so, what is it? I don’t know I'm a believer in everything happens for a reason so maybe that.

JUSTIN THOMAS: Best golf shot I've ever hit? I'm going to go with my three wood at Erin Hills on Saturday of the U.S. open in 2017.

JUSTIN THOMAS: What's a piece of advice you give younger you? Definitely would say to learn from my mistakes at an earlier age. I think it's pretty hard to do when you're 14, 15 years old But if I could somehow get myself to do that, I would.

**HARDEST HOLE WALK N TALK**

GARY WOODLAND: I love it over here. I really do. The fans, they love the game.

GARY WOODLAND: So we're out here on the fourth hole, statistically the hardest hole in the PGA tour in 2023 and coming back and seeing it. You can see why it's a golf hole that really forces that you have to hit good shots. There's a lot of trouble out here. Difficult green that really makes you play conservative into the green. Par is going to be a great score on this hole this week.

CADDIE: What do you hit, your driver or your 3 wood?

GARY WOODLAND: I'm going to take driver just because I can cover a lot of the water. I'm going to start on the left edge and try to cut it right back over the tree. Because if I do miss there my miss is to the right where I can chip back out. If you left, obviously the place where you don't want to miss.

GARY WOODLAND: That was about 295 carry there little left to where I wanted to, but that's good too. That got me thinking a little bit. It's a tough one because there's no bail out. You got obviously water down the left the whole way. Right is is a layup if you miss the fairway there. Today it's a little different. We got no wind. You throw some wind in here. Some cool weather on this hole is 500 yards. It becomes not only a tough driving hole now becomes a long hole. There's probably not a lot of strategy. You just got to step up and hit good shots. Because if you don't, you're going to get penalized pretty quickly. ‘

GARY WOODLAND: The premiere deal out here is to drive the golf ball in play. This is one where if you're in the fairway, you can attack, but if you're out of position here, it penalizes you more than most courses. This is one of the tougher driving holes we see all year. Is my ball in the water? Oh, perfect. All right. Good drive. Practice round, I'm trying to visualize where everything is. Fairways sloping right to left here so that's going to shift our line a little bit farther to the right. You can see the rough is it's pretty deep on the right. So the miss here remembering this fairway is sloping a little harder to the my line will shift to the right. So that's the beauty of practice rounds to get up here and start seeing the little things that you didn't remember before. That'll change our numbers and our lines to make sure our miss is on the bigger side of the hole.

GARY WOODLAND: I didn't see it splash, but obviously no.

CADDIE: Oh, it bounced right in here.

GARY WOODLAND: This fairways tight over here to my right.

GARY WOODLAND: I probably rely on Butchy more than most guys rely on their caddies. We've been together a long time, so we're very familiar with how it works. But he understands what I'm good at and what I'm not good at. And gives me a shot. And then I go out and execute.

CADDIE: 280 over there. I mean, you can either hit three. I mean, the only thing is driver. I mean, it's a tough shot either way.

GARY WOODLAND: Let's hit one at that rough, Juicy juicy zoysia.

CADDIE: It is juicy. It's usually thick zoysia, isn't it?

GARY WOODLAND: Yeah, but I can usually get through it. Oh.

CADDIE: That didn’t come out dead.

GARY WOODLAND: It came out nice.

CADDIE: It sure did.

GARY WOODLAND: Thanks.

GARY WOODLAND: You know this hole, obviously, with the green pitched this much, when we play practice roundss, we like to play the hole backwards. I like to get up here and look back and see where the best place is and where I can come in from. But if I'm going to miss here with this green pitch so far back to front and really right to left, this is where we're going to miss the ball. This green slopes hard back to front. So below is the play here.

GARY WOODLAND: Is that spinning Butch or no?

CADDIE: It's spinning and then releasing and probably eight.

GARY WOODLAND: Down here I think you have a better chance to even make birdie chipping in than you would even putting ten 15ft above the hole. In the States, even where I grew up Zoysia fairways, always your first cut, but we don't see zoysia rough hardly at all. So this is different trying to see how the ball is coming out.

GARY WOODLAND: There's just some holes out here that you can't let beat you. And this is one of them. This is one you’d play a little conservative, play to the front of the green. You're trying to make four. Fours the play here. Don't let one hole beat you during the week. And this is one of them. This is the one you take four pars on and you run.

**SERVPRO**

**VO: THE CUT PRESENTS RAPID RECOVERY**

**VO: DURING THE FINAL ROUND OF THE 2023 ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP, THE HARDEST HOLE ON TOUR LIVED UP TO ITS REPUTATION AS JUSTIN SUH GOT HIMSELF INTO TROUBLE WITH A MISCUE ON HIS THIRD SHOT…**

ANNC: Some issues for 54. Hole leader Justin Suh at the fourth. Yeah, maybe trying to get a little cute with this one. Hits behind the ball.

**BUT WAS ABLE TO MAKE A QUICK RECOVERY…**

ANNC: I mean he had to do a lot of work // to get up and down for bogey there.

**WINNERS PIECE**

ANNC: Echeverria is so clutch. A new tournament scoring record here Accordia Golf Narashino Country Club at 20 under par 260 for the week. He’s your 2024 Zozo Championship winner.

ANNC: Two birdies in the final three holes to go from one behind to a one shot victory

NICO ECHEVERRRIA: It was it was very close hold all day but it was special to finish birdie, par birdie and take this home.

ANNC: Had the 36 hole lead, the 54 hole lead and now in his career, he's a perfect two for two when carrying that 54 all the final round, and he's a deserved champion.

NICO ECHEVERRRIA: It's surreal. This moment is very special.

NICO ECHEVERRRIA: Do I have a chance to call my mom for one minute while we get there?

HANDLER: Do that now.

PHONE CALL: Hola, Nico! Nico!

NICO ECHEVERRRIA: I wasn't trying to cry or be emotional. I'm overall I'm a very emotional person. Claudia is here, but my parents are at home in Medallin, and it's pretty late there. They stayed up all night watching the golf, and I'm glad they did.

NICO ECHEVERRRIA: So, yeah, very, very, very happy and emotional just being able to talk to them because my parents are the reason I play this, this beautiful sport.

NICO ECHEVERRRIA: It's very cool to win it twice internationally and and give another victory because golf in Colombia is tiny. So hopefully this will make it more popular and bigger.

NICO ECHEVERRRIA: It's been a good year for me. I just haven't had that top result. I've been very consistent. I've learned a lot this year. And, to finish, the year this way is It's incredible. Especially doing it here in Japan in such an amazing country.

**FEDEXUP FALL GFX**

**WITH THE WIN, NICO ECHAVARRIA SKYROCKETS FROM 113TH TO 65TH IN THE FEDEXCUP FALL STANDINGS. AND WHILE SPOTS FIFTY-ONE THROUGH FIFTY-SIX REMAIN STAGNANT, BEN GRIFFIN JUMPS INTO THE TOP SIXTY AFTER HIS STRONG PERFORMANCE IN JAPAN.**

**BIRDIES FORE LOVE MONTHLY WINNERS**

**VO: LET’S TAKE A LOOK AT THE BIRDIES FOR LOVE MONTHLY WINNERS FOR OCTOBER.**

ANNC: Wow walked it in that was a gutsy putt right there

ANNC: Nice one done there for Beau Hossler

**VO: BEAU HOSSLER KICKED OFF THE MONTH WITH 27 BIRDIES OR BETTER AT THE SANDERSON FARMS CHAMPIONSHIP.**

BEAU HOSSLER: Very proud, glad to earn that money to donate / I’m excited to put a little thought into it and I promise it will go to a good place.

**THEN LEE HODGES FIRED OFF THE MOST BIRDIES AT T HE BLACK DESERT CHAMPIONSHIP.**

ANNC: And he likes that flat stick and the results right now

**TO CLAIM THE $50,000 FOR A CHARITY OF HIS CHOICE.**

LEE HODGES: Its really cool I have a charity at home that **really** hits close to my heart its called stacy wolf foundation / she passed away from breast cancer earlier this year she was an unbelievable woman and they help women and men that are battling cancer so they will definitely put this money to good use.

**AND EN ROUTE TO CARDING SIXTEEN UNDER THE FOLLOWING WEEK.**

ANNC: Well played par five there that’s back to back birdies for Tosti

**ALEJANDRO TOSTI CLAIMED THE BIRDIES FOR LOVE TOP SPOT AT THE SHRINERS CHILDREN’S OPEN.**

ALEJANDRO TOSTI: I am finding ways to not only play for myself but for my family and the community too so Its pretty awesome This week 27 its a lot of birdies and I’m glad I am going to be able to help some other charities.

**AND CAPPING OFF A BUSY MONTH OF BIRDIES MAX GREYSERMAN HAD TWENTY-SIX BIRDIES OR BETTER AT THE ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP TO SECURE A DONATION TO THE CHARITY OF HIS CHOICE.**

**WITH JUST 3 EVENTS REMAINING IN THE FEDEXCUP FALL, RICO HOEY SITS ON TOP OF THE OVERALL LEADERBOARD WITH NINETY-SEVEN BIRDIES OR BETTER AND LEADS DOUG GHIM.**

**AFTER A DEVASTATING FIRE RIPPED THROUGH WEST MAUI IN TWO-THOUSAND AND TWENTY-THREE, TOM KIM WAS ABLE LEND A HAND.**

**TOM KIM B4L UPDATE**

ANNC: And now Tom Kim has gone back to back in the desert. A winner for the second straight time at the Shriners Children's Open.

TOM KIM: In addition of winning the Shriners Open, I won Birdies Fore Love with 27 birdies and I was able to donate to a charity of my choice, and I chose Boys and Girls Club of Maui.

THOMAS DAYA: Aloha and welcome to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Maui. Today we have you at our Lahaina Clubhouse, which is one of our six clubhouses. We're currently in the process of restoring and prepping our facility for the return of our members and welcoming the community back into our doors. It took a while for us to find out, you know, the status of the clubhouse.

THOMAS DAYA: It was pretty messy, yet anything for us had to be disposed of. We had to repaint the whole facility, which is done now. We're currently in the process of having our floors deep cleaned. And now it's just restocking and final touches on some items that we did get it back from.

DAN JAEGER: It was heartbreaking to see this place, but it's been so rewarding seeing this community come together and work towards the recovery. A long, long way to go still.

SUSAN ELLINGWOOD: We found out about the donation that was coming to us from Tom Kim through the PGA TOUR. It allowed us to really serve that many more of our community members.

TOM KIM: It's very special. And I just play golf. I'm living out my dream, and to be able to do something like that for a lot of people who really needed it. You know, it means a lot and just kind of motivates me to go out there and win again and hopefully donate it to somewhere special.

**TOM HOGE HOF**

**COMING OFF OF A SEASON THAT SAW HIM FINISH IN THE TOP THIRTY AT THE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP, TOM HOGE VISITED HIS ALMA MATER TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY THIS FALL, WHERE HE WAS HONORED AS AN INDUCTEE INTO THEIR ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME.**

TOM HOGE HOF Football Game Recognition: A big TCU welcome for Tom Hoge

TOM HOGE: It's pretty cool. I first got the call this spring in the middle of the season) but as we've got closer to this, you know, start thinking about it more than anything, just reflecting on the people that have helped me get here. That starts bringing more of the emotional side of what you accomplished.

TOM HOGE: I grew up in North Dakota. There weren’t a lot of coaches that were flying North Dakota looking for golfers. Right before my senior year in high school I played in the U.S. amateur, and that’s where coach coach Monteagle saw me for the first time and after that, it seemed like things went pretty fast and it clicked that TCU is where I wanted to be.

TOM HOGE: So my freshman year I lived over in Moncrief. Moncrief was kinda the athlete dorm so four of us from the golf team were living in a suite together. Just to kinda see the other athletes, follow their sports throughout TCU made it fun. A lot of fun time here at Moncrief. I will say us golfers keep an early schedule. Some of those football guys like to stay up all hours of the night so it was some sleepless nights I there for sure.

TOM HOGE: It took a little bit of time just, you know, to get used to living away from home And kind of once I felt like I got settled in my sophomore year and, you know, I played every tournament, you know, my last three years after that.

TOM HOGE: I had a nice run my sophomore year. I finished third in the NCAA Finals with some nice finishes before that I finished my senior year on a nice trajectory that carried me right into professional golf and a little momentum that got into the final stage of Q School that first fall and got me out on the Korn Ferry Tour right away.

**AFTER THREE SEASONS ON THE KORN FERRY TOUR, TOM HOGE HAS BECOME A MAINSTAY FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS,**

ANNC: We have a champion in Tom Hoge

**EARNING HIS FIRST VICTORY AT THE 2022 AT&T PEBBLE BEACH PRO ABECOMING JUST THE FOURTH TCU ALUM TO WIN ON THE PGA TOUR.**

TOM HOGE: I feel so fortunate to have so many great people around me. Coaches, you know, family, friends that have helped support me to get me to this point. But, you know, just a great journey it's been on.

**LOOK AHEAD – WWT**

**THE PGA TOUR HITS PAUSE FOLLOWING THE ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP, WITH A WEEK OFF BEFORE HEADING SOUTH FOR THE WORLD WIDE TECHNOLOGIES CHAMPIONSHIP**

ANNC: Gorgeous setting here in the Los Cabos region of Mexico, right along the water. The Pacific Ocean, all the sights there… vacation spot no doubt, big golf spot too. Southern tip of the Baja peninsula, El Cardonal at Diamante… the first ever Tiger Woods design

SAHITH THEEGALA: My first impression of the golf course is I really like it… Tiger was talking about how he just likes to make people think on the golf course and the back nine out here is just all strategy.

MAVERICK MCNEALY: You kind of see a lot of parallels between the way Tiger plays golf and the way he designed this golf course. You have to think about it, play smart, quintessential second-shot golf course and don’t short-side it.

ERIK VAN ROOYEN: I love coming to Mexico. It’s extremely beautiful, the sunsets are amazing. It makes for a beautiful setting for a PGA TOUR tournament.

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