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From the Founder's Desk

Here's great insight from Justin Thomas, talking about Dustin Johnson at the Memorial in July where DJ shot 80, 80 to miss the cut;

"I played with him at the Memorial, and I've never seen him as lost, anywhere remotely close to that lost. He was grinding his [butt] off. He was putting so bad and playing so bad. But he never gave up. He wasn't quitting. He was just trying to figure it out there and he couldn't find it again the next week, and then next you know, he's the FedEx Cup champion and running away. That's all you need to know about golf right there."

Champions don't quit. They grind it out more often than not.



BSI Tournament Results

BSI College 72-Hole Championship

Our college students played their 3rd 'Major' of the year last week with 72 holes of strokeplay around Royal Johannesburg & Kensington West Course. PGA Diploma 3rd year student **Franco Rabe** triumphed with

rounds of 69, 70, 66, 75 for a fantastic score of 8-under par for an 8-shot victory over Daniel Nduva from Kenya.

It's been a great development journey for Franco since he started in our Junior Academy back in January 2016. Franco's first medal score at Royal Johannesburg & Kensington GC was 101, and his first cycle average was 85.23. The long-term work with the coaching team since then shows that it is not where you start that counts, but how much you can improve.



Franco Rabe

In our **Junior Academy** section **Dean Herbert** won the BSI Junior Medal on 4th September with a score of 75 on the West Course at Royal Johannesburg & Kensington GC.

In our **Global Medal**, Junior Academy **Matteo Douessy** won with a fantastic round of 66 at International Golf Barriere la Baule, in France. The Global Medal is played between the BSI students who are not able to return to South Africa at the moment.



Dean Herbert

Matteo Douessy

A big shout out as always to **Srixon Golf SA** for their continued sponsorship of our Tournament prizes and Order of Merit. The next time you're buying golf balls, gloves or clubs please have a look at the Srixon range. They have great models to suit all types of player.

Alumni Profile

Rising star on the Sunshine Tour

Name: James Pennington

BSI Programme: PGA Diploma (Class of 2017) **Current Position:** Sunshine Tour Player (3rd season)

During his time at BSI, James won our Order of Merit 3 times in a row and finished runner up in two professional events whilst still an amateur.

Here's what James had to say about his experience at BSI:

"I really enjoyed the competitive tournaments at BSI, the coaching, and playing at Royal Johannesburg & Kensington GC. BSI helped me improve my technique, learn, gain knowledge and allowed me to work hard on my golf.

BSI is awesome if you want to play and get better at golf whilst studying.

If golf is something you are passionate about then you will love the programme. Appreciate the opportunity and make the most of it"



James Pennington

Make your dream job in golf possible

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Performance Tip

What you can take away from a Tour player

Here's a great drill from BSI Coach and former Sunshine Tour player **Coenie Stoop** to improve your takeaway.



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