

THE PERFECT DRIVE

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**1 INT. GOLF CLUBHOUSE DAY****1**

Sunny day, people walking into lobby of golf range. Wyatt, 18, decently tall and wearing sunglasses with a smirk, enters into the lobby with his golf bag. As he's walking in, Wyatt bumps into Graham, 21, tall and cocky.

GRAHAM

Hey! Watch where you're walking buddy.

WYATT

Pf. Sorry.

Wyatt is a little confused, but overhears Ellie, 19, a golf instructor, walking with one of her younger students.

ELLIE

Good job today, you have improved so much!

STUDENT

Thank you Ellie!

Ellie high fives the student and hands her a certificate of completion. They then get set to take a photo. As this is happening, Wyatt can only stare in awe, smiling at Ellie. Graham is against the wall and notices the situation. He first looks at Wyatt, then at Ellie. Graham approaches Wyatt.

GRAHAM

You really think you got that?

Wyatt snaps out of his staring.

WYATT

What?

GRAHAM

You really think Ellie would like someone like you?

WYATT

You don't know who I am.

Graham is unsettled with Wyatt's comment. He looks at Wyatt with a somewhat disgusted face, then walks away. Wyatt takes a look back at Ellie, smiling at her young student, then walks over to the front desk.

WYATT

Excuse me, do you guys have any instructors? I'm new here...

DESK WORKER  
Have you ever golfed before?

WYATT  
Uh, no. No.

The desk worker looks up at Wyatt, then at his bag, and back at Wyatt, who just smiles. The desk worker squints at Wyatt, puzzled.

DESK WORKER  
Okay...

The desk worker points at Ellie, who is waving goodbye to her young student.

DESK WORKER  
Ellie is our best instructor.

Ellie approaches Wyatt. Wyatt turns around and is surprised.

WYATT  
H-hey, I'm Wyatt.

ELLIE  
Hi, I'm Ellie. Nice to meet you.

WYATT  
I'm looking for a trainer, are you free?

ELLIE  
Yeah, let's get to it! Follow me.

Wyatt and Ellie head to the golf course.

**2 EXT. GOLF RANGE DAY**

**2**

Wyatt and Ellie arrive at the first hole.

WYATT  
So, how do you hold the club?

ELLIE  
Here, let me show you.

Ellie extends a golf club to Wyatt. As she teaches, she adjusts Wyatt's hand placement and posture.

ELLIE

First, you place your left hand on top and your right hand on the bottom. Make sure the ends of your hands are against each other and your grip is tight. As you bring the club up, your back foot should rotate like you are squishing a bug.

Wyatt gets lost in her instructions and is more focused on Ellie instead. He suddenly feels someone approaching him.

GRAHAM

Let me know when you see progress,  
Wyatt-

ELLIE

Come on Graham, there's no need for  
this.

Graham walks off laughing before Wyatt can say anything back. There's an awkward pause until Graham is gone, but Wyatt is annoyed at Graham.

ELLIE

You know Graham?

WYATT

No, not really...

Wyatt gets in his stance and swings a few times. Some shots are better than others. In between shots, Wyatt looks up at Ellie for approval and a reaction. He doesn't get anything more than a nod. Wyatt purposely makes mistakes, then turns to Ellie.

ELLIE

Try keeping your eyes down longer.  
Wherever your eyes are is where the  
ball is going to go.

Wyatt takes a few more swings and improves subtly. Wyatt takes one more rep and he drives it very well. He looks up at Ellie with an optimistic face. She gives him a tilt of the head with a smile and squint. Enter Graham from a distance.

GRAHAM

Wow, Ellie's training might have  
actually worked. For once.

ELLIE

You're so pessimistic!

GRAHAM

It's called being realistic. I'm the best golfer at this range and I never needed Ellie's help.

WYATT

Then prove it.

GRAHAM

Excuse you?

WYATT

Prove that you are the best. We'll have a head-to-head match one week from today.

Graham can't believe it, is almost laughing at Wyatt.

GRAHAM

You can't be serious. I'm going to beat you in a landslide.

Ellie is surprised, looking back and forth at the argument.

WYATT

When I beat you, you have to stop being such a jerk and leave us alone.

GRAHAM

When I win, you quit golfing at the range. And, you're going to be my caddy.

Wyatt is shocked at Graham's response, but then stares him in the eyes.

WYATT

Deal.

Graham walks off with a grin on his face. Ellie is still surprised that Wyatt challenged Graham.

ELLIE

Do you even realize what you've taken on?

WYATT

I do. But someone needs to humble him.

ELLIE

You don't understand. Graham is *the best* golfer here.

WYATT

Uh, no. I am.

Ellie smiles and laughs at Wyatt.

ELLIE

Let's get to it.

**3 EXT. GOLF RANGE - AFTERNOON**

**3**

Ellie and Wyatt move further down the golf range to a putting spot. On the way over, Wyatt tries making small talk.

WYATT

So, I heard that you were the best instructor here.

ELLIE

Sure, you could say that. And you've met \*the best golfer\* we have. Graham is naturally gifted. Far better than anyone I've ever coached. You're going to need my help to beat him.

Ellie looks at Graham from a distance who is a few holes ahead. Wyatt's attention also shifts to Graham, who is talking down to another golfer. Wyatt's face shifts from being straight to very stern.

WYATT

Is he like that to everyone?

ELLIE

Yeah. I've had my fair share of interactions with him. None were ever very pleasant.

WYATT

I don't know how anyone could ever have anything against someone as confident as you.

They both smile. Ellie then snaps out of it awkwardly, wanting to train.

ELLIE

Uh, take a couple of putts.

Wyatt puts a ball down to tap it in for a simple shot. He misses. He takes another but puts too little power on it. Ellie approaches him and adjusts his hand placement and posture. Wyatt is surprised and can't help but blush a little.

ELLIE

You're close. Try keeping your hands closer and tighter. Oh, and take a deep breath before you swing.

Wyatt listens to her advice, takes a deep breath, and swings the club. He nails the shot. He looks over at Ellie for approval. They smiles and nod at each other.

**4 EXT. GOLF RANGE**

**4**

Ellie and Wyatt continue working together over the next few days, taking different kinds of shots, making mistakes while also improving right after. Ellie also helps with Wyatt's posture and pre-shot routine. As they walk from shot to shot, they talk and smile. As Wyatt lines up for a decently long shot, similar to the first swing he took with Ellie, he drills it close to the hole. All Ellie can do is stare and smile at Wyatt as he's swinging.

WYATT

How was that?

Ellie snaps out of staring.

ELLIE

Uh, it was, really good! Go putt it in.

They start walking to where the ball landed.

WYATT

So, Ellie. How do you think I'm doing overall?

ELLIE

Definitely much better than when you started.

WYATT

Better than Graham, right?

ELLIE

You're getting there. You have a much better heart than he does.

WYATT

So do you.

They both smile. Ellie rolls her eyes. Wyatt taps the ball in and looks back at Ellie. They head to the next hole.

**5 EXT. GOLF RANGE EVENING**

**5**

As Wyatt gets set for the next hole, he is feeling confident and walking with his chest up. As they look at what's ahead, Ellie and Wyatt notice a sandpit that is left-middle of the green.

ELLIE

Aim for the right of the sandpit.  
You can get it in 3 swings.

WYATT

Graham knows that's what I'll try  
and do. Watch this.

Ellie is confused as Wyatt aligns his shot towards the sandpit. He drives the ball in that direction and the ball gets stuck in the sandpit. Wyatt is visually embarrassed and frustrated.

ELLIE

And that's a shot Graham would  
take. Cocky and foolish.

WYATT

I just didn't get under it. Let me  
try again.

Wyatt takes another swing with the same approach, but this time completely misses the green. He looks back at Ellie in silence. She just looks at Wyatt awkwardly.

ELLIE

Let's try my approach. Go around-

WYATT

I've got an idea.

ELLIE

Come on Wyatt, trust me.

Wyatt doesn't listen and goes back to his original spot. Ellie looks at him in disappointment.

WYATT

I've got it this time.

Wyatt takes a deep breath, but he drives the ball on the ground.

ELLIE

Wyatt, please trust me. Graham is going to go for that long shot. He's stronger than you. You have to accept that-

WYATT

That shot is too predictable! If we take your approach, it's only going to put us behind.

ELLIE

It's not about taking a risky shot. The match is tomorrow, we need to play smart.

Wyatt is surprised, then angry.

WYATT

You don't believe I can beat Graham, do you?

ELLIE

Based off your performance and mindset right now, you won't.

WYATT

Then why waste your time on me?

Beat. Ellie is on the edge of tears.

ELLIE

I really thought we could work as partners... We're done for today.

Ellie walks off in tears. Wyatt stands there hopeless and drops to his knees in defeat. Once Ellie is gone, he picks up his club and heads back into the clubhouse.

**6 EXT. GOLF RANGE DAY**

**6**

Overview of the golf course as Wyatt and Graham are getting warmed up for the match. Wyatt is struggling to focus and is making mistakes. He looks around for Ellie but she's nowhere to be found.

GRAHAM

Doesn't look like she's fixed much.

WYATT

Keep your-

Wyatt holds his words back.

GRAHAM

Would you like to say that a little louder?

Wyatt shakes his head, not looking in Graham's direction.

GRAHAM

I'm wishing you good luck. Lots of it. You'll need it.

Graham walks on ahead to the first green. Ellie approaches Wyatt from behind.

ELLIE

Hey, how're you feeling?

Wyatt is surprised.

WYATT

I'm so sorry about yesterday, I really should've listened to you, I feel horrible about what I said-

ELLIE

What's past is past, I'm talking about the match, silly.

Wyatt lets out a smile and they hug, then Wyatt becomes stern.

WYATT

I'm in my head, I can't focus. Graham keeps running his mouth.

ELLIE

It's only talking smack if you can actually back it up. You've got this.

As Ellie and Wyatt finish talking, they hear Graham shouting from a distance.

GRAHAM

Hey Wyatt, you ready to be a caddy? Let's go!

Wyatt and Ellie turn to each other with a grin and walk over to the first hole where Graham is.

**7 EXT. GOLF RANGE DAY HOLE 1****7**

At the first hole, Graham is looking at Wyatt with a stare and a devious grin.

GRAHAM

Alright, out of the kindness of my heart, I'll let you go first.

WYATT

May the best golfer win.

Wyatt extends his hand for a shake. Graham looks at him puzzled and awkwardly shakes his hand. Wyatt places his ball down and gets in his stance. He drives the ball well. Graham places his ball down and it lands next to Wyatt's. They finish the hole tied in score and walk to the next hole.

GRAHAM

Not bad, I'm actually kind of impressed.

WYATT

Really?

GRAHAM

No, Ellie could've made that in par.

Wyatt is shocked and looks at Ellie, then back at Graham, annoyed.

**8 EXT. GOLF RANGE DAY HOLES 2-17****8**

Wyatt and Graham continue the round. The score goes back and forth as Wyatt keeps it close with Graham. As the round progresses, Graham begins to stress and worry about Wyatt's performance. Ellie is observing and coaching Wyatt between shots. Wyatt finishes hole 17 one stroke below Graham. He looks back at Ellie for reassurance. She nods and smiles. Graham turns to Wyatt with a disgusted face.

GRAHAM

You've kept up well, but all that matters now is the last hole.

WYATT

Good luck.

Graham shakes his head in disbelief and walks towards the last hole.

## 9 EXT. GOLF RANGE DAY HOLE 18

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Graham gets set for the last hole - the same one that Wyatt and Ellie had their argument over. Graham aims over the sandpit and it lands in a perfect position to putt it in. Wyatt is in disbelief and places his ball down. Wyatt aims to the right like Ellie instructed him to do.

ELLIE

Aim over the sandpit!

Wyatt is surprised, questions Ellie under his breath.

WYATT

What? Really?

ELLIE

Trust me!

Wyatt nods at Ellie and aims over the sand pit. He takes a deep breath and drives the ball. It barely makes it over the sandpit and lands next to Graham's ball. Ellie and Wyatt are ecstatic. Graham can't believe it.

GRAHAM

Impossible...

Graham walks to his ball, gets set up to take his next putt and looks back at Wyatt.

GRAHAM

Thanks in advance, Wyatt. Grab my ball once I sink it in.

Wyatt and Ellie stare as Graham takes his shot in a hurry to end the match. He misses left and puts too much power into it. Wyatt and Ellie look at each other in shock and smile. Graham squats down out of disappointment with his head down. Wyatt looks at Graham, then walks over to his golf ball to take the game winning shot. He gets in his stance, but hears Graham trying to smack talk him. At the same time, Wyatt looks at Ellie, then looks at the ball and takes a deep breath. He can barely hear Graham's muffled voice.

GRAHAM

Come on Wyatt, miss it. You're going to choke. You're going to miss it.

Wyatt takes his swing and makes it in, beating Graham. Everyone cheers for Wyatt, but he instead walks up to Graham, extending a hand.

## 10 EXT. GOLF RANGE EVENING

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WYATT

Good game.

Graham takes Wyatt's hand as he helps him up.

WYATT

I think there's someone you should apologize to.

Wyatt looks over at Ellie as she walks up to Graham.

GRAHAM

Ellie, I underestimated your coaching. And Wyatt, I'm sorry for being such a jerk. You and Ellie make a pretty good team.

ELLIE

Apology accepted. I think you and Wyatt should rematch sometime.

Wyatt and Graham look at each other with a smile and shake hands.

GRAHAM

Good game Wyatt. See you around.

Wyatt looks at Graham as he walks off, but is surprised by a hug from Ellie.

ELLIE

I'm so proud of you!

WYATT

Maybe Graham was right, we do make a pretty good team.

Ellie smiles at Wyatt and kisses him on the cheek. They both smile at each other, then Ellie stares at Wyatt with intent.

ELLIE

So, how did you make it over the sandpit?

Wyatt smiles and shrug his shoulders.

ELLIE

Come on, don't keep it a secret!

Ellie grabs Wyatt's golf club.

ELLIE

Show me what you've got.

WYATT

Alright, let's go.

Wyatt and Ellie start heading to the start of hole 18. As they walk, Wyatt reaches for Ellie's hand. They hold hands until they arrive at the hole. Wyatt then helps Ellie get in her stance and teaches her. El fin.

FADE TO BLACK.