



**TYLER DUNCAN (-14)**

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**Q. Fourteen under, you'll be with the leaders over the weekend, but we can't talk about your day unless we talk about the start, 29 going out, the highlight at eight. That's pretty special stuff.**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** Yeah, it was a lot of fun. We were walking off nine green and one of the traditions out here is if you shoot 29, you sign a ball a lot of times for the course setup, and we're like, we thought we needed to make that putt, we weren't even paying attention and we walked off and I looked and it was a 35, so we were happy to see it was 29.

**Q. There you go, well done. You kept it going on the back nine and I thought a lot of your short putting was the key to keep it going. You made some clutch putts in that seven- to eight-foot range. Actually, just on 18 you had one, but I thought that was the theme of the back nine.**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** Yeah, I made a lot of putts, a lot of straight-ish putts, which I struggled with a little bit and we've been working on that a ton, the four- to eight-foot range. I've hit a lot of lot of putts in the last three, four months and it definitely paid off this week.

**Q. To have a round like today, it's tough because in a way I'm going to ask you, you obviously want to keep it going for the weekend, but how do you stay in the moment? How do you not think, oh, I've got to work on this, I've got to change that, because that's about as solid a day as they get on the PGA TOUR?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** Yeah, it was an awesome day, for sure. One of the things I've really tried to focus on the last couple months is really focus on what I'm doing at that moment. So I think that practice the last few months, even though it hasn't paid off, will help this weekend, for sure.

**Q. Let's start with No. 8, 106 yards. What did you hit and what did you see?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** It was a 50 degree. We were trying to hit it about 112 yards, a little bit of hurt, and flushed it. I figured it was going to be close, I wasn't expecting it to go in, but was happy to see it, for sure.

**Q. You've played golf on the PGA TOUR for a couple years, back-to-back rounds with no bogeys, where did this rank in your career so far?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** I don't think I've ever had back-to-back rounds with no bogeys, so I'm happy to have that, for sure. And 61 I think is probably my lowest in competition, so very

happy with that as well.

**Q. You were 8 under for the day through 15 holes. Did the 58 number ever come into your mind?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** No, I never really thought about it, honestly. I was just trying to figure out what was going on at the time and hit as good of shots as I could and make some putts.

**Q. As good as you played today, how crucial was that putt at the last for par?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** It was awesome, just some momentum going into the weekend. I've been working very hard on putting and kind of that short mid-range makeable putts. To hit that in the middle of the hole was pretty relieving.

**Q. What did you learn about yourself going to the Korn Ferry Tour Finals finishing tied for fourth in the championship? How much does that help you in a week like this?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** Yeah, it helped a ton. It changes your career. If that wouldn't have happened, I wouldn't be here. Just to go out and play as well as I did that day obviously was a big step in the right direction. I felt like I was going to have a really good fall and so far it hasn't been great. Played decent at Bermuda and played pretty well last week, just not great. It's showing up this week.

**Q. What will you lean on this weekend to try to get over the hump?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** Just kind of the same stuff I've been working on, just trying to stay within myself and focus on what I'm doing and not worrying about what everyone else is doing.

**Q. What was it like to play college golf at Purdue? What do you recall? When I think of Purdue, I think of Gene Keady, the old college basketball coach. What was it like for you as a college golfer there?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** It was great, I really enjoyed it. Obviously the weather's not great all the time, so it's nice to have a little bit of a break in the wintertime. But we work hard up there and that's kind of the tradition, especially with Purdue golf is you're going to work hard and you're going to fight to the end.

**Q. What's the indoor facility like?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** Very nice. We've got a big indoor putting green, hitting bays out to the range. You get some practice there in the wintertime, for sure. I would go the whole winter without hitting drivers because I didn't like to tee it up on the mats.

**Q. Really?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** Because I couldn't tee it to the height I wanted because it got the concrete underneath there, so I just hit 3-woods if I wanted to hit woods.

**Q. Some would think it's a disadvantage, but Mike Small, for example, has made it work at Illinois. Do you think as a recruiting thing that when you have a good facility like that it kind of sells itself and you're kind of proof that you can play golf in the Midwest?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** Exactly, yeah. I grew up in the Midwest, so it's different for me. It's hard to get the guys from Florida or Georgia or that have grown up with perfect weather all year round to go out there. They get a winter and they're like, what's going on?

But no, it's great, and Mike Small's obviously done a great job. My caddie now, he was the assistant coach at Illinois when I was there and worked under Mike Small. But no, I think the Big 10 has definitely gotten better, and with the indoor facilities, it's a huge help.

**Q. Steve Stricker's made it work.**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** Yeah, exactly.

**Q. Looking back at that final round in Evansville and the emotion from that, what kind of sticks out from that day and how much confidence were you able to take from that?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** It just showed the work I've been putting in, you know, the last four months or whatever is paying off. A lot of putting, a lot of wedge work, it showed today. It's just nice to have that.

**Q. What's your best memory from that day, like what kind of stands out when you think about that day?**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** From that day, probably just finishing, that relief knowing I'm going back to the PGA TOUR and not having to go back to spend a year on the Korn Ferry Tour. As much as it's great being down there and it's a great tour, it's obviously a lot better being out here.

**Q. This is the last tournament of the fall. It's been a lot of golf. What are you most looking forward to about the winter? I know you have Adam Schenk's wedding coming up.**

**TYLER DUNCAN:** Yeah, definitely not looking forward to that speech, so I'll probably be more nervous for that than I will be tomorrow. We have his wedding two weeks from tomorrow, so really looking forward to that. Then we're also going on vacation to Turks & Caicos the middle of December, and then my family's coming down for Christmas to Florida this year, first time. We have a big month of December planned, but looking forward to it.