



Q. Is there anything you learned in Houston given your situation right now that might help you tomorrow?

LANTO GRIFFIN: It's a completely different field, different golf course. Knowing that I can get it done if I play well. But having the belief that you know that you've got it done and you can get it done is nice. Playing against Jon Rahm and Justin Thomas is different. It's a different field, there's no way around it, so I'm going to have to play really well tomorrow, I'm aware of that. But it's fun. This is what I dreamed about, position I dreamed about being in my whole life. From being on mini tours, the Korn Ferry Tour, now to be here playing with the best players in the world in the final group, it's a lot of fun.

Q. This kind of goes with that question. Do you like these kind of sprints where unless you're making birdies, you're losing ground?

LANTO GRIFFIN: No, I like when the field separates. I like firm greens, I like long, tough courses. You know, Torrey Pines, even Shadow last week with the firm greens. But this is fun. When it's going your way, you can get on a heater and kind of like what I've done on the front nine, but you're never really out of it on a week like this. But bogeys are definitely, like a week like last week, you make a bogey it's not the end of the world. This week, you've kind of got to make two to make up for it.

Q. Did you kind of feel like when you made those four straight birdies, it could be a real low one coming today?

LANTO GRIFFIN: I try not to get too deep into that in my own head. I'm fairly pessimistic in my own mind, I try and downplay everything. It's just the best way for me to stay focused. I could be 9 under through nine and I don't think I'd act much different than if I was even. It's just the way my mind works for me to keep playing well. When you start thinking about numbers, it never really works out well.

Q. This isn't gambling, but I'm sorry for this. how would you in layman's term explain who Lord Lanto is?

LANTO GRIFFIN: Oh, man it might be just as bad of a question. My parents -- I was born in northern California and they named me after Lord Lanto. They were very natural, meditate a lot and they came to him. So it's been an interesting name my whole life. I go by Larry a lot at Panera Bread. Anytime anybody asks for a name for an order, it's always Larry just to avoid that 30-, 60-second conversation of where your name's from, but it's a good conversation starter.

Q. After last week, did you talk to DJ at all and did he give you any advice?

LANTO GRIFFIN: Yeah, he called me on Tuesday and he was giving me -- I was out on the third hole and he calls me for a different reason, but I told him I was at Sherwood and he was like No. 1's fine you can hit driver over the trees, drive the green. I'm like Vijay, Vijay hits a big cut, and I didn't even think about it when we were on the tee but after we played nine on Tuesday, we went back and looked at it and I'm like, there's no way I'm hitting a high cut over that tree.

But yeah, he went through every hole trying to help me out and most of it -- like for instance, on 15 he told me don't be short and today I was short, so that didn't work out too well. Yeah, he gave me a few tips.