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ROUND 1 INTERVIEW

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CODY BLICK (-4)

Q. Obviously great start here today. Just kind of walk me through your round and what felt right out there.

CODY BLICK: Yeah, you know what, I don't know, I just really was staying patient and I really -- it's all cliches. I don't know, I really was taking one shot at a time. The wind is so nasty out here that you're kind of just trying to hit the best shot you can every time. And my caddie Marcus just kept me in it and we just had fun.

Q. What was your favorite shot out there today?

CODY BLICK: Favorite shot. I don't know. I hit a lot of really teed down low drivers just to kind of -- the fairway finder, just to kind of keep it in play. It was just nice to have a go-to to kind of get something in play because you've got hazards down both sides or a lost ball in the jungle. Just get something in play and give yourself a shot at birdie is all you can really ask for.

Q. What about the course? It's obviously really beautiful, but how do you like playing it?

CODY BLICK: I like it a lot. This is my third time here. It's hard, this is a hard golf course. It would be a hard golf course without wind. Like Abaco next week, at least it's set up a little bit for some windy days, but there are some narrow, narrow fairways out here with jungle everywhere. It's a good test for sure.

Q. You earned eight guaranteed starts for the season. What were you doing to kind of prep up for this Korn Ferry Tour season?

CODY BLICK: Honestly, not much. I went on a boy's trip to Bandon Dunes a couple weeks ago and it was 45 degrees, blowing 30 and raining. So to come here in the sun, it's pretty refreshing. We play golf, you know, so I'm just trying to enjoy it.

Q. How's it feel to get off on such a good foot at least after today's round?

CODY BLICK: Yeah, it's cool. My brother and I always laugh because you get off to a good round in a tournament and it feels great and you obviously want to do it, but nobody wins on Thursday. Even though it's Sunday today, nobody wins on Thursday. Yeah, I'm just going to keep doing what I'm doing and just have fun.

Q. Do you have any like short-term goals for yourself this season that you've set?

CODY BLICK: Honestly, they're all just kind of mental goals. I don't really have like outcome goals. I just, you know, it's nice to be back on this tour and have eight starts. I got hurt and COVID happened, I feel like I missed out a lot, I had some serious FOMO, but just being back is great and I want to soak it up and enjoy it.

Q. What injury did you face?

CODY BLICK: I messed up my back pretty bad. It started with some pulled muscles and it ended up being stress fractures in my back. It just sidelined me. And then you're watching your buddies on TV playing golf and you just want to be out there with them, you know. It's just great. My buddy Rico, we were traveling together back in 2019, that's when I got hurt. We're traveling together again and he and I are just back at it.