

ASTARA CHILE CLASSIC

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW

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MASON ANDERSEN (-14)



Q. All right, Mason, 9 under today, overall just a really good week for you. Just kind of walk me through your game, what's feeling right, how's it been for you.

MASON ANDERSEN: Game has been good. I feel like I had a really good last week. Didn't quite finish it off the way I wanted torques, but came here feeling good and looking forward to just keeping it going.

Q. Yeah, you shot your career Korn Ferry Tour low round yesterday and you just beat that today, so is there anything that you can like pinpoint what is going right for you this week if you could put it on one thing?

MASON ANDERSEN: Nothing in particular. Just kind of keeping the ball in play, keeping it in front of me and making a few putts, that's basically it.

Q. Walk us through the course a little bit. Obviously it's suiting you a little bit, but coming into the week, what did you expect and how has it been playing?

MASON ANDERSEN: I mean, scores show it's playing a little easier than most courses, but it's a good course, good setup. You've got some draw holes, some fade holes. Hitting a bad tee shot's really penalizing out here, but yeah, I think it's a good setup.

Q. You turned pro just last year and you went through Q-School. What was that transition like between the time you decided to declare pro and then going to Q-School? Were you playing anywhere?

MASON ANDERSEN: Yeah, yeah, I played the Dakotas Tour for a little while, but it's definitely a smack in the face because in college you kind of get everything handed to you and then you kind of go out on your own and realize that you better start playing well.

Q. How did it feel though to go to Q-School for the first time? Guys do that year after year and for you to get those guaranteed starts kind of right out of the gate.

MASON ANDERSEN: Good. Yeah, it felt good to get through and to have a job essentially. I know that most guys, it's not their first try, so it makes me appreciate it that much more.

Q. On the same note, you've only missed one cut this season and this will make another made cut for you. Is this kind of how you expected your pro career to go? Is it



right on track or better than you expected, or how do you assess your game?

MASON ANDERSEN: Yeah, I came in with not a whole lot of expectations. I know I'm a rookie and just wanted to play some good golf.

Q. Since you've turned professional, getting T-16 at Q-School and then making five out of six cuts as of right now, do you feel proud of yourself? Like looking back, is that something like you can feel like you achieved and you're proud of?

MASON ANDERSEN: Yeah, pretty happy about it. I mean, it is -- it's not quite like -- the Korn Ferry Tour is not where you want to be, you want to be on the PGA TOUR, but the Korn Ferry Tour is a great tour and it's a tour you've got to go through. Yeah, I'm really happy to be where I'm at and really happy with the way that I'm playing right now.

Q. And like being in this position, will you be able to draw back from college at all, any experiences you've had? I mean you're in contention going into the final two rounds.

MASON ANDERSEN: Yeah, I've never been really anybody's favorite, I've kind of been an underdog. I had a decent college career, but I wouldn't say it was like, wow. Just going to go play some golf the next couple days, try and enjoy myself and not put too much pressure on things.

Q. And in this time -- I mean, confidence, we kind of discussed this already, but in your short time on the Korn Ferry Tour, what have you learned?

MASON ANDERSEN: I learned that you've got to keep your foot down. There's been a couple times this season so far where I've let up and I just didn't have the finish that -- I was in a good position in Panama, I was in a good position in Savannah. I kind of let up, I kind of let my guard down and paid the price. So just got to keep it going this week.

Q. Just how have you enjoyed Chile so far? The environment, the atmosphere, even like outside the tournament, anything that you've enjoyed?

MASON ANDERSEN: Yeah, restaurants are awesome. Everything's clean here and it's just great. I love this place, yeah. I think the weather is pretty similar to what we got in Arizona in the summertime, and the grass, too. Just a really cool vibe here.

Q. Is this your first time traveling outside of the country for --

MASON ANDERSEN: I played in the Panama and Bogota once, yeah. It's cool, it's a really cool opportunity that the Tour gives us to be able to travel to these places because otherwise I don't think I would have done it.

