

QUICK QUOTES

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AUSTIN ECKROAT (+3)

Q. Just kind of take us through the round. Obviously I think you know where you're sitting in the standings right now. Just talk to us about what's going through your head.

AUSTIN ECKROAT: It's very unlikely that I would see myself making top-70 with just, you know, I was 70th going into the week. It was an interesting round. I got off to a shaky start, but then I played -- had flashes of great golf and then flashes of terrible golf. It's just a weird round today.

Q. Did you come into today thinking like I really need to do something today or was it more just let me go out and play my game?

AUSTIN ECKROAT: I only needed to shoot a few under to make the cut and just play solid golf, just made a couple early mistakes. Then you kind of have to put the pedal down, then you start making more mistakes.

Yeah, going into the day I probably only needed to shoot 3 under, it's not like I needed to do anything special. I wasn't really stressed about it or anything, just poor golf.

Q. Ben Griffin was saying that at some point you guys were joking about how many hole-outs do you guys need to make.

AUSTIN ECKROAT: Yeah.

Q. What was it like having a guy in your group that's kind of in the same scenario, same situation?

AUSTIN ECKROAT: Yeah, it was interesting. Before we started talking about the round with that, I parred 1, parred 2. But I knew I needed to shoot 7 under on the back nine because I expected 2 under to be the cut. I birdied 3 and I told my caddie, still got holes, got plenty of time, then I bogeyed hole 4.

Yeah, we were joking around. I needed to make a hole-in-one, hole-out on 8 and hole-out on 9 and somehow we didn't manage to do that.

Q. So what do you do now? Are you going to go home and check the computer?

AUSTIN ECKROAT: Yeah, yeah. I mean, in my situation where I was 70th going into the week, I'm going to go home and kind of expect that my run for the season is over. And if



somehow it hangs on, which as I said is very unlikely, you know, I'll get a flight and I'll get over to Memphis. I'm kind of thinking my offseason starts right now.

Q. Is it harder to play to finish in a certain position than just to play golf? I mean, are you thinking about --

AUSTIN ECKROAT: I mean, I think you think about stuff like that before, you understand what you need to do going into the week. But, I mean, when you get out there and just start playing golf, you kind of forget about what's going on. I knew making the cut was important this week and I played well enough to do that, I just made too many mistakes out there. Just part of it.

