## **QUICK QUOTES August 3, 2023**

## **AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN (-4)**



Q. Austin, good playing, 4-under 66. If we could just get an opening comment on your round.

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN:** Yeah, I ball struck it one of the best rounds I probably have all year. Felt like I was in total control, just hit it on, you know, hit this pillar left of the flag and do it. So I was kind of having so many looks and kind of maybe getting a little bit down on myself with missing some good 8-, 10-, 12-footers just because I had so many. But I make those tomorrow, we got a really low one. I make them today, we have a really low one. Just keep doing what I'm doing.

Q. Did you feel a round like that coming with having complete control, like you said?

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN:** Yeah, I felt bits and pieces of all areas of my game. I feel like I've had unreal short game rounds trying to keep myself in it. I had a round like that in Truckee and then I made nothing, and then vice versa. I feel like it's at least one of the three parts. Today was two of the three with driving and ball-striking. I made a couple of putts, but the number of looks I had, it could have been really low.

Q. And coming into the week knowing you need a big one to get to Memphis?

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN:** I think I have to win is my only way.

Q. Yeah, you have to win. So what was on your mind for that coming into the week?

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN:** I mean, 50/50 chance to win or not, you either win or you don't. That's our goal this week. Whatever happens, happens. You know, we dealt with some weather today, I don't know what we've got tomorrow, but I tee off at 6:50, so it's going to be bright and early.

