

QUICK QUOTES
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BEN GRIFFIN (+3)

Q. Can you just talk a little bit about your mindset now? You're probably going to have to just sit around and wait and see, right?

BEN GRIFFIN: Yeah, I haven't looked at the projections at all. It's going to be probably a waiting game to see if I'm teeing it up next week, probably need some luck.

Playing with Austin, we were both kind of bubble guys, so at least I know he can't jump me if we're looking at the exact projections.

A little unfortunate the way I played today, felt like I hit it really great tee to green and I just really struggled on the greens.

Yeah, mindset. I mean, I'll probably practice this weekend and try to get ready for next week. You know, if I don't get in, obviously I'll have quite the long time off. So it's kind of an interesting scenario I'm in. It's not a scenario I want to be in, you would much rather be in control of your destiny. I'll just have to wait. I'll probably try to work on a few things this weekend, maybe Sunday, and we'll see where the chips fall.

Q. Did you guys talk about it at all the last two days?

BEN GRIFFIN: The last three holes we tried to determine how many hole-outs we both needed to make the cut, and none of us had a hole-out. I thought I had a good chance of a hole-out on 8.

But we were joking around towards the end. There's not much you can do with when you're four or five out with a few holes to go except try to have fun out there.

Austin's a great buddy of mine. We had a good time, but definitely unfortunate the way we both finished.

Q. So you go home and wait?

BEN GRIFFIN: Yeah, probably. You know, I try not to plan on missed cuts, so I don't know what my plan is now. I'll just have to change, you know, tip the locker room attendants, thank the volunteers and wait and see what happens.

Q. Did you have any travel booked for after this yet?

BEN GRIFFIN: I think I had a flight to Memphis, I have a flight to Memphis on Monday. But I



change flights so regularly, that I feel like the more planning you do this in this game, the worse off you are because you kind of expect certain things to happen. You're better off just trying to play good golf and let the travel happen as it goes.

I mean, I could be going all the way to East Lake potentially now and I don't really have travel booked, but I'm just going to let things shake out the way they do.

Yeah, it's tricky. It's not like any other sport where you know your set schedule, you know what's going to happen, when your game's going to end. You don't. You don't know when your tee time's going to be on Sunday, you don't know if you're going to make the cut, miss the cut. So it's a lot of rebooking. It's expensive, but fortunately I'm on the PGA TOUR, so that helps.

Q. Different start to your Playoffs in your rookie season for you. If you do get through, what would finishing in the top-70 mean to you?

BEN GRIFFIN: It just gives me an opportunity. The top-50 number is very coveted this year, and then obviously top-30 you get in all the majors and you're playing for the FedExCup. So there's a lot at stake.

I mean, the 70 number, let's say I get in next week and I finish 51, it probably doesn't do me much different than me finishing 71 this week if you look at the grand scheme of things. So really the top-50 number's key. Top-70, it just gives you a shot of moving on to the next.

For some guys, heck, even the guys in the top-10, it's almost like should I take an off week and just play two in a row? The first Playoffs event you can make a jump and push up, but finishing 51 to 70 is going to be the same as finishing 125 probably at the end of this year, except that in the fall you could work your way into the elevated events if you play well.

Hopefully I get a chance next week. But again, if I get a chance next week and finish 51, it's the same as me finishing 71 here.

Q. With such a thin margin for 70, I know it's early right now, but does anything like stick in your head, like a week or, you know, a day that you're like, man, if only?

BEN GRIFFIN: I could look back to last week, which is so recent, but I finished 20th and I'm sure if I was one stroke lower I'd probably be very safe. You can think about a whole bunch of different scenarios.

All I'm trying to do is play my best golf and at the end of the day chips are going to fall where they fall. I'm just trying to do my best and see what happens.

I'm pretty bummed with my performance this week, it's a course I'm very comfortable at and had success last year and I came in with high expectations. But I guess it was a little different last year when I was playing on a sponsor invite and I was on the Korn Ferry Tour



and the FedExCup points I made were irrelevant and all I was doing was playing in front of family and friends and just play my best golf. When you have a little bit more on the line trying to move up the FedExCup, it's a little different.

My goal is to try and play as free as possible and I felt like I did a pretty good job of it, I just didn't play as well. Because of that, it's more meaningful this year than it is last year for me to play worse.

Just a waiting game, see what happens.

