ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES November 17, 2023

AUSTIN ECKROAT (-9)



Q. Austin, great playing. What was working so well for you out there today?

AUSTIN ECKROAT: Early on the putting felt really good. The swing's in good spot, too. Mostly yesterday and early this morning everything was feeling pretty good, just kind of hung in there at the end (inaudible) with the putter towards the back nine, but it was fine for the most part.

Q. I understand you didn't register until Thursday morning, coming in late, can you just walk us through what the week was like for you?

AUSTIN ECKROAT: Yeah. So one of my buddies who plays on the Korn Ferry Tour, he got married in Mexico on Tuesday so I went down there. Didn't really know what to expect, I never showed up to an event with no practice round or anything. It was interesting, but it was fun. Yeah, everybody got sick. We had an evening on a boat Monday night and some people got it worse than I did, but food poisoning. I'm here and I feel good and golf game feels good so it was fun.

Q. There are a lot of rookies playing well this week. Obviously could be a coincidence, but anything to your class seeing golf courses maybe for the second time playing better?

AUSTIN ECKROAT: Yeah, I think so. I didn't play this event last year, just got married this week actually. Yeah, I think it helps guys playing a course for a second time. There's a lot of knowledge learned from playing tournament golf rather than just practice rounds. I think you've seen that this fall, too, a lot of young guys playing well in the fall seeing the course twice. Haven't looked at the leaderboard very much, but it's good to see the young guys going well.

Q. What do you feel like you're doing particularly well this week?

AUSTIN ECKROAT: Like early on I was putting it really well, yesterday and this morning. Felt a little shaky, hit a couple bad putts at the end, but putting stroke feels really good, made a lot of the 15-foot range putts. The golf swing's feeling good, too, so really all parts of the game feeling pretty nice.

Q. How many of your goals do you think you hit for this season?

AUSTIN ECKROAT: I think the main goal would be just keeping your PGA TOUR card. I had a goal of winning, so if I can knock that one out this week. So hit a lot of them, but still



left some out there, for sure.

