

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES

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BEN GRIFFIN (-8)



Q. Ben, 67, if we can get some comments on your round.

BEN GRIFFIN: Yeah, solid day. A course I'm very familiar with living here. Love the Plantation course. Feel like it's a course I've had a lot of success on playing here with friends and also in the tournament last year had a good round. So went into the day with a lot of confidence and played pretty solid. I made -- missed a couple putts that I wish I had made and had a tough bogey on 11, but otherwise I made a couple big putts, a couple par saves that were nice and just happy to be in the mix going into the weekend.

Q. Knowing the course so well, does that increase the expectations a little bit? Do you get a little bit discouraged when you aren't making the birdies that you want to make?

BEN GRIFFIN: Yeah, it can be, especially on the easier holes, the par 5s. I wasn't able to birdie No. 8 and No. 18 today and those are the holes that playing with friends it feels like it's almost automatic. A little different conditions in a tournament this week on the PGA TOUR, you have fast greens, firm greens, so certain pin locations are a lot harder than what I'm used to playing throughout the year where the greens are a little softer and they're rolling 10 or 11.

Yeah, definitely you have high expectations. But again, I'm comfortable so it's good to have those expectations, but on top of that, I'm just confident on it. I know if I have a tough go at a hole, I can bounce right back and I know the greens like the back of my hand.

Q. And speaking of the conditions, take us through the round from what it was like this morning to the end of the round.

BEN GRIFFIN: Yeah, it was kind of a whirlwind. This morning, you know, looking at the forecast yesterday, we didn't really expect any rain this morning. Wake up and all of a sudden it looks like we're going to get a little wet. So going out to our holes is kind of right when it started to rain a good bit. The first couple holes finishing up my round yesterday weren't exactly easy, but I made a long putt on 9, my last hole for a birdie, and that kind of -- that was right when the rain kind of cleared out and it kind of ended up being a little nicer weather. So it was kind of a happy moment for me because I knew the rain was almost done and I went into the next 18 with a little jump step with that birdie.

Yeah, after the 30-minute wait or so, the rest of the day the sun came out and it ended up being pretty much perfect from what I can remember this entire last 18. Right now sun's out a little bit more and the wind's starting to pick up a little bit. But tough conditions with the



wind on these courses being island golf, but whenever you can avoid the rain and get a little more sun the ball's going to go a little further and it's a little more enjoyable.

Q. There's no pressure on you in terms of you already have your card locked up for next year, but I know you were paying attention from 51 through 60. Entered the week 54, you're still 54. Are you thinking about that?

BEN GRIFFIN: Not so much. I feel like I almost solidified it last week, which was very nice, so I could come into this week a little more comfortable. I feel like the top-60's pretty much guaranteed now. I really came into the week trying to win and that's how I should every week. It's easy to get caught up thinking about the bubbles, the 125s, the 60s and everything, but if you're not going into every tournament with the mentality of trying to win, things are just going to get in the way. For me, a comfortable golf course, both of them, and yeah, I'm excited to be in the mix because I feel like I have a really good chance at this.

