

ROUND 4 QUICK QUOTES
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ANDREW NOVAK

Q. Kind of a unique week for you, but you got the base job done. What's the emotion like right now?

ANDREW NOVAK: Yeah, I'm kind of glad it's over. This fall was not very fun, just like didn't play super well. Just kind of kept falling and falling down the ranks the whole time after having a pretty good regular season. Glad to get it done. It's more kind of a relief than anything just because I didn't really do anything productive this whole stretch.

Q. Had you signed up for Q-School?

ANDREW NOVAK: I did, on like -- when was the deadline?

Q. I think last month.

ANDREW NOVAK: I think it was literally on the deadline, yeah.

Q. It was one of those you didn't want to think --

ANDREW NOVAK: I didn't know the deadline was there and somebody said something and I said, oh, I probably should be signed up. I asked my wife, am I signed up? She said no. I said we should probably go ahead and do that.

Q. Did you look at the projections at all into the week?

ANDREW NOVAK: I knew where stuff stood. I didn't know like what I needed to do. There's no way of knowing what I needed to do I guess because it was so dependent on what everybody else did. My goal was just to make the cut and kind of go from there. Being on my home course is nice for like comfort, but I don't know, I hadn't been playing like super great, so it was good to just kind of get that done.

Q. For the season-long body of work, what's that mean to you to know that you earned being an exempt PGA TOUR member next year?

ANDREW NOVAK: Yeah, I came from some pretty bad status this year, the 126 to 150. I got a few starts, but basically no starts that first fall. Played well and was able to play my way into a lot of events, so I was really happy with what I did early in the season to kind of give myself those opportunities later on in the season.

There's not a lot of guys that come from that category, people do it each year, but there's not



many that go on to keep their cards. So I am very happy that I was able to improve my status from last year into this year and I'm really excited to be in that fully exempt, not have to really like log on to Links and be like, oh, what am I this week, status for next year.

Q. Was there any extra attention at any point like Friday around the like cut line or at any point today, or was it pretty standard?

ANDREW NOVAK: Like looking at numbers?

Q. No, just thinking like did you feel --

ANDREW NOVAK: Oh, I felt extra pressure this entire fall. Then as it's like kind of gone on, my best friend got married week of Mexico and we set the date two years ago. Like he was like, hey, when can we do this? At the time it was Mayakoba. I was like fall, it's early on in the season, it's not that big a deal, let's do it then, that's fine. He's in the Air Force, so he's kind of limited on when he can do it.

And then of course everything changed and they switched it to this whole fall matters, especially that situation. Basically early on in the fall I had -- I was putting a lot of pressure on myself because I knew like I wanted to like get it locked up so it didn't matter, so I knew I could skip that week and go to that wedding and be there for him.

It just did not play well. Basically I was put in this really not great situation of do I actually go to the wedding, do I not. I ended up skipping Mexico. I kind of bet on myself. I don't know if you really say it paid off, I made two cuts and finished like, I don't know, 60th and 70th, but I got my card. It worked out in the end. I really like the entire time was feeling a lot of stress this whole fall.

Q. What's it mean just in general to be a PGA TOUR member?

ANDREW NOVAK: I mean, it's the pinnacle of our sport. Like this is where I want to be. I want to compete against the best players. I don't know how to really like put into words like -- I didn't want to have to go back to Korn Ferry Tour. I did four years of that. It's nothing against the Korn Ferry Tour, I enjoyed playing golf there, but I don't want to go back. This is where I want to be.

And I didn't have my best year last year, and at times I thought I might be going there. I kind of got bailed out with guys getting removed from the points list. So this year, like to really feel like I went out and earned it, like nobody got taken off the points list this year. I didn't have as many starts as like a lot of people because I was in that category. I'm really proud of like going out and improving my position and going out and earning it myself.

Q. The name of your friend, the wedding?

ANDREW NOVAK: Yeah, Kyle. K.J. Spencer.



Q. And a friend from where?

ANDREW NOVAK: Charleston growing up. I played golf with him. He played golf at Air Force and yeah, I mean, we just played golf growing up all the time. That's like when I first started playing the game. Like I go to the course, he was there and that's just like who I played with. He was way better than me at the beginning and that's who I was striving to beat from when we were young. I mean, that's like another little brother for me basically.

