

ROUND 4 QUICK QUOTES
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ERIK BARNES (-19, lost playoff)

Q. I know this isn't how you wanted to finish, but I feel like I watched you all week, you've got to be proud of how you hung in there and played this week.

ERIK BARNES: Yeah, I really did play good this week. I didn't particularly hit it that great on the weekend, but my short game kept me in there. I think I only made one bogey this week.

Q. You did.

ERIK BARNES: I don't know how many holes in a row including playoff holes. That's just kind of a testament to grinding it out I would say. Yeah, super disappointed. Happy for Brice, he played great. Really thought that ball on 18 was going to be stiff, just didn't spin.

Q. How about the putt to keep it going on the third playoff hole there?

ERIK BARNES: Yeah, that was huge, that was awesome. A lot of times you say first in wins, kind of what Brice did to me there, what was that, the fourth or fifth playoff hole? I mean, yeah, that putt was awesome. It was a tough read because it almost went right early, but luckily I read it right and it went right in the hole.

Q. Not to put you on the spot, but want to talk a little bit about your perseverance. You come back from injury, you're playing on a medical. Even though it wasn't a win, how good does a performance like this do for you mentally?

ERIK BARNES: Yeah, obviously right now it's a little frustrating, but I'm very pleased with the finish. If you would have told me -- I mean, this is what, my fourth tournament back and I had 10 months off, so if you had told me my fourth tournament back I'd lose in a playoff, I'd be disappointed but I'd also be excited at the same time. I'm really proud of myself, worked hard to get myself back from a pretty major knee surgery. Hopefully I can get myself back in this position.

Q. And finally, how is that feeling? Everything good?

ERIK BARNES: Yeah, it's progressively gotten better since I started back up at American Express. My speed's coming back this week finally a little bit. I've been really low on speed with the driver for -- since I had knee surgery and I felt like this was the first week, I don't know if it was because it was hot all week, I feel this is the first week I was starting to get close to my full speed. It feels good.