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TAYLOR DICKSON (-17, won playoff)



Q. Taylor, you came into today seven strokes back. What were the emotions like today? Did you think you had a chance to win this coming into today?

TAYLOR DICKSON: There's always a chance, I guess, but just tried to put a good round together and see what happens. We got done with 18 and they told me I was in the lead and I was like, OK, well, that's good.

Just kind of shocked. Then waiting around and went to a playoff and got the job done. It's still surreal.

Q. What were the emotions like from when you finished up on 18 and just having to wait to see what happens?

TAYLOR DICKSON: Pretty nerve wracking. I don't like when it's out of my control. I had an eagle putt on the last, a pretty makeable one, and didn't make it. That's kind of why I was upset walking off the green, which shouldn't be upset when you're leading a tournament but felt like that would have just ended it. Unfortunately, missed. Luckily, this time it didn't bite me, so we still got the job done.

Q. Can you take us through that playoff on 18, what happened there?

TAYLOR DICKSON: Yeah. I hit not the best drive, hit a little left and laid up. I had probably 112 yards and hit a pretty bad wedge. Yeah, pulled it pretty bad, but it went in the bunker and it wasn't plugged because it hit up by the lip so I didn't know if it was plugged or not. I got down there, it wasn't. I just told myself, this could be the best place for me to be because I love being in the bunker. Hit a great bunker shot and then made the putt and then after that, I don't know, it was crazy.

Q. It's your fourth season out here, how's it feel to get that first win out here?

TAYLOR DICKSON: It's unbelievable. I was close last year and I had Chan Kim beat me. That was tough to swallow. I don't know, it's crazy. Like I didn't know I would win this quick. I always knew I could, but believing and doing it or two different things and it's surreal.

Q. At the end of last year you came close to getting your PGA TOUR card. How did that motivate you coming into this year?



TAYLOR DICKSON: Yeah, true motivation. The goal's to get to the PGA TOUR and this will definitely help. Just even more motivation after this. I want to get a second win.

Q. Is there anything specific you've been working on coming into this season?

TAYLOR DICKSON: Putting, yeah. It's still a work in progress, but this week it all came together. Putted it unbelievable and wedged it really good. Just stayed patient all week and we're here.

Q. How do you think this sets you up for the rest of the season going forward?

TAYLOR DICKSON: There's still a lot of work to do, can't rest on anything. Just happy to go home, see my fiancee and got a few weeks off, keep practicing and get ready for Savannah.

Q. How do you think you're going to spend those couple weeks now?

TAYLOR DICKSON: The first couple days it's going to be a celebration, for sure. Yeah, I don't know, I'll have to call you on Thursday and see how we're feeling about it, but it's going to be fun.

Q. Taylor, what does it mean to you to have a friend like Thomas Walsh standing there? I mean, he was on the range with you while you were even waiting to find out you were in a playoff, so just his support?

TAYLOR DICKSON: Yeah, it's awesome. We grew up playing golf together. He's a little younger than I am, but I've known him for a long time. We've roomed together a lot and we've gotten really close. That was really cool of him to stay, it meant a lot. That was awesome. So thank you, Thomas, wherever he is.

Q. And then to your 81st start, you said you knew you could do it, but I mean, when the times get tough, how do you just keep going to this moment?

TAYLOR DICKSON: You don't have any other option. Luckily, coming in this year I had full status for the first time, which is huge, so it's kind of a weight off my shoulders. Not as big as this one, but like I say, there's still a lot of work to do but I'm just so excited. This is crazy.

