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**AKSHAY BHATIA ( -20, won playoff)**

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**Q. Along with Denny's birdie barrage there and then the back nine?**

**AKSHAY BHATIA:** Yeah, it was crazy. He played unbelievable. I played really solid today, I just -- you know, I just got beat today and I played great. I was drawing back on the putt I made at Barracuda to win, it was a very similar putt. I knew what I had to do and I think it helps a lot.

**Q. Did you feel like your composure was staying in check despite that he was sneaking up on you?**

**AKSHAY BHATIA:** Yeah, it was hard. You feel like you're kind of losing, right? You're losing the golf tournament. This guy's making a ton of birdies, I'm not making any mistakes and yet, you know, I was tied for the lead going into the last. I missed that putt on 17, which stung, but that's kind of just something I'll learn from when I feel that again.

It was awesome for him, hats off to him. He's going to win soon.

**Q. And heading to Augusta now, what are you feeling about that?**

**AKSHAY BHATIA:** Yeah, it's cool. It's a dream come true. I didn't know what to expect this week. This is just kind of a week where I played a couple times and I was a little more comfortable, I think. I wrote on my wrist today "W-T-W," which is wire-to-wire. Just kind of pictured a straight wire from the first hole to the 72nd hole and I just tried to really stick to that, and my caddie did an awesome job reminding me of that.

**Q. As the first player to win after coming out of the Drive, Chip & Putt, what did that do for your development, kind of help you out here and kind of get the Masters on your radar?**

**AKSHAY BHATIA:** I mean, every kid dreams about going to Augusta National whether you're a patron, whether you're a player, caddie, whatever it may be. Just being able to go there and feel the aura of the place at such a young age was awesome. I'm looking forward to going back. I know the Drive, Chip & Putt was today, right? Yeah, so I was watching a little bit of that. Just seeing those kids get a little upset by missing the fairway, they don't realize how amazing that opportunity is for us. Yeah, it was awesome.

