

LECOM Suncoast Classic

ROUND 3 QUOTES

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DANNY WALKER (-13)

Q. Danny, 8 under today, nice round. What was working well for you out on the course today?

DANNY WALKER: Honestly, it was a little bit of everything. Was hitting fairways, hitting good iron shots, rolled in a few more putts today. First two days I didn't really make any 15-footers, but today I rolled in a few. Stayed out of trouble. It was just a good, solid clean round throughout the bag.

Q. You made the cut on the number coming into today. What was your plan once you made it going into this weekend?

DANNY WALKER: Just be happy that I have a weekend tee time because I was kind of sweating it out yesterday. I had to make a putt from off the green on 18 yesterday just to even get myself to 5 under. If that, whatever it was, 18-footer doesn't go in, I don't even get a chance to play the weekend. I was just happy to be playing today.

Q. You HAD the guaranteed starts at the beginning of the year coming from Q-School. What was your thought coming into this season and how do you feel about your play these first handful of events this year?

DANNY WALKER: I was definitely a little disappointed how I played in the international events, I didn't have my best stuff, wasn't making putts. But it was nice to have that three-week break where I could kind of go work on a couple things. I saw my putting coach, so now I feel a lot better about my game and looking forward to the rest of the summer.

Q. Was there anything specific with your putting that you've been wanting to work on or that you worked on with your coach?

DANNY WALKER: It wasn't anything crazy, it was just a little bit off. Main thing is my stroke is a little bit pulled back with the hands and not enough just letting the face rotate in the back stroke. It just feels a little more flowing and natural now. That's kind of been it with the putter, yeah.

Q. And I mean you're from this area, what's this week been like being kind of a home event for you almost?

DANNY WALKER: Yeah, it's been nice to see a few faces I haven't seen in a long time.



Just having some support out there on the course, getting to have dinner with my dad a few nights this week, go visit him and hang out with him, it's been nice.

Q. What's been kind of the crowd for you this week? Been getting a good turnout?

DANNY WALKER: A little bit. I think I was a little bit too early to get too many people today, but maybe tomorrow hopefully, playing a little later now, get a few more people out following. But I had a few people out there today.

Q. Obviously see how things shake out the rest of today, but what's the plans going into Sunday?

DANNY WALKER: I mean, nothing's going to change. I'm going to try and play the same as I did today. If I can shoot another 8 under, who knows what happens. Yeah, I don't really know where I'm going to stand at the end of the day, I have no idea what everyone's going to shoot, so at this point I don't really know how that's going to look. I'm just going to go and try to play another good round of golf.

Q. How badly did you want that weekend tee time?

DANNY WALKER: Really badly. I was following the leaderboard for just hours, just checking it every 20 minutes. Very thankful to stay inside the top 65 yesterday.

Q. And what's that like to kind of sweat out a weekend tee time like that on the number, you're checking the app? What are the emotions there?

DANNY WALKER: Just trying to recognize that it's out of your control and there's nothing you can do about it at this point. Just kind of let it be what it's going to be. Thankfully, it worked out in my favor this time, but it's definitely a little nerve wracking, for sure. You really just want a chance to go play.

Q. Did you want it even more because obviously you've got friends and family down here?

DANNY WALKER: Yeah, especially I wanted to be able to play in front of them. My girlfriend came in yesterday, didn't get to watch me play yesterday. I want to be able to play and you get to watch me since you drove down here. Yeah, I was thankful to be able to do that as well.

Q. And how much do you feel the support when you're out there on the course?

DANNY WALKER: I definitely did. Like I think I made, at one point I made three birdies in a row and I definitely heard my dad get a little excited. It's nice to hear that, hear the support, for sure.



Q. What's your favorite golf memory with your dad?

DANNY WALKER: That is a good question. I may be going way back to when I was just starting getting in the game, he used to take my mini golfing on the weekends when I was like 4 years old. That was like our favorite thing to do on the weekends, go play putt-putt. That was kind of really my entry point I think into the game. I barely remember it at this point, but I know he did.

Q. Does this kind of take you back to those days of mini golf whenever you hear him rooting for you out there on the course?

DANNY WALKER: It hadn't, but now it probably will since we're talking about it.

Q. What's that --

DANNY WALKER: Took me back to more junior golf when he was able to be out there most events. So like now he's able to get out to a few a year. Yeah, reminds me a bit more of that.

