

## VERITEX BANK CHAMPIONSHIP

### ROUND 3 QUOTES

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### TRENT PHILLIPS ( -20)

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**Q. Trent, kind of walk me through the round today, how things went out there.**

**TRENT PHILLIPS:** Yeah, you know, today was really windy and I got off to a good start with a birdie on 1. You know, I was a little unsettled out there early, I don't know why. I wasn't settled into my round just quite yet. On 4 I hit like a little leaky tee shot and three-putted that hole and got away with the tee shot.

Was actually -- from the tee box I would have been happy with a 5, but once I hit it on the green, I wasn't happy with a 5. I kept competing, you know, and I made three in a row with birdies on 9, 10 and 11. I feel like I left a few out there, but I'm definitely playing some good golf, so I'm excited for tomorrow.

**Q. Walk me through 9, 10 and 11, what you hit there and what that stretch did for you.**

**TRENT PHILLIPS:** Yeah, so 9 was like a driver, 2-iron, 5-iron just short right and chipped up to a couple feet and made it.

Then hit a good drive on 10 and had I think 7-iron in, easy birdie there. I missed a pretty short eagle putt. Got it back on the next hole with a birdie to about five feet, so that was a nice little turn for me.

I played great all day. The whole back nine I didn't feel like I missed very many shots. Yeah, just excited for tomorrow.

**Q. How does the wind kind of impact your day, how you're going about things, how that's kind of changed --**

**TRENT PHILLIPS:** It was gusting a lot today as opposed to the last two days. That feels a little different. I feel like a lot of guys were backing off putts and were a little uneasy over those little short ones. Yeah, that will definitely affect the way you play out here. I don't know, I don't know what the weather looks like tomorrow, but if it's going to be windy and gusty again, it will set up for a good final round.

**Q. Looking potentially for you to be in the final group in contention to win, how do you feel going into that? Do you feel prepared for that?**

**TRENT PHILLIPS:** Yeah. I've been -- this is my second season out here and the past, what



is it, seven events I feel like I've really turned the corner and I've grown up a lot. This is my first time I guess in the final group. Yeah, looks like I'll be in the final group and I'm excited.

**Q. How have you grown up over the last few months?**

**TRENT PHILLIPS:** Just naturally, I don't know, man. I just feel like I'm getting better as I just keep playing. Certain things aren't bothering me as bad, I'm starting to hit it a lot better and taking advantage of it.

**Q. How do you stay patient through that? You said you played last year. Like your goal is the PGA TOUR, but how do you stay patient and kind of trust process?**

**TRENT PHILLIPS:** It's tough. I mean, it's a lot goes through your mind of can I do it, can I compete, can I win. Yeah, I wasn't in a great spot leaving Q-School this year. You know, the first two Bahamas events I didn't play very well either. I just kept my head down and started working on the right things and tried to simplify, and most importantly just have fun with the game. As hard as it is, if you make yourself miserable out there, you're never going to play very well. Kind of all that combined and starting to play some really good golf.

**Q. What are you looking forward to about tomorrow?**

**TRENT PHILLIPS:** Just I'm ready for the heat, let's go.

**Q. What was the biggest thing that you took away from Raleigh last year when you came really close and pushed Jorge in that playoff?**

**TRENT PHILLIPS:** That was a weird one because I didn't -- I played well all week, but I didn't really feel like I had a chance to win on the back nine until I made four in a row. Boom, I was like right there at the lead, so I didn't really feel the pressures of trying to close out a golf tournament. I feel like tomorrow will be a little different with that.

Yeah, that definitely shows you that you never give up. Those last four, five holes mean a lot on Sunday. Hopefully, they'll be good to me tomorrow.

**Q. What's the hardest thing about trying to win a golf tournament?**

**TRENT PHILLIPS:** The mental battle of just not letting your emotions get to you and just staying focused on each shot, just not ever looking ahead.

**Q. What's the most exciting part about it?**

**TRENT PHILLIPS:** Winning. When you haven't won in a while, winning's pretty fun. And I haven't won since senior year of college, so two years ago is the last time I won a tournament.

