

VERITEX BANK CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 4 QUOTES

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TIM WIDING (-31)



Q. Tim, I mean, just thoughts on winning two weeks in a row now. Did you think this was possible coming into the week?

TIM WIDING: I don't know, I was just coming here, Monday night I was still just trying to soak in what I just did last week. No, I mean, of course I want to run it back and win again, but I was just still over the moon from my win last week that I think this week I think I told the guys yesterday I was just playing better relaxed and having a lot of fun out there on the course and I think that helped a lot with the nerves, especially today.

Q. How often did you check leaderboards?

TIM WIDING: I didn't until just the last couple holes, because we were still -- after nine holes both Frankie and Trent played amazing golf and that kind of kept me just very focused and kind of on my own game. Towards the last two, three holes I just wanted to check a little bit so going into 18 I knew where I was standing. I was trying to, like I said, just focus on my own game and not look too much.

Q. Was there a particular moment or shot, hole, any kind of swing that you felt like you kind of pulled away and you had a decent cushion on everybody?

TIM WIDING: Probably hole 10. Frankie, he made -- he missed his birdie putt, so I think I went four up on him after that, and Trent, because Trent eagled, too. After that eagle putt, four-shot lead kind of gave me a little bit of a cushion. I feel like I hadn't made an eagle I don't think even last week and I had a lot of good chances. I told Zach, my caddie, that I really wanted to make it. To see it go in was a big relief. I think that was probably the turning point today to just keep going.

Q. Was it difficult at all not to get too far ahead of yourself after 10?

TIM WIDING: Yeah, thoughts definitely started to wander forward. It did throughout the round, but thoughts are going to come and go, but I feel like I've done a really good job the last two weeks of trying to be in the moment, stay present, get back to it before every shot.

Yeah, they were kind of all over the place, but I was trying to chat with Zach, my caddie, as much as possible just to keep me loose.

Q. Winning twice, everybody since they started handing out 25 cards has made it to



the Tour at the end of the year. Are you aware of that, thinking about that, that this is, you know, I guess puts you on the brink of a Tour card, at least?

TIM WIDING: Yeah, people keep reminding me. I don't know, my mindset still is this is our ninth event of the year, so there's still many more to go. I don't know, it's going to be nice having two weeks off now to kind of process what just happened the last two weeks.

I mean, obviously PGA TOUR has always been a dream since I started playing golf. Yeah, we're not there yet, so I'm still trying to play good this year and still work on the things me and my team, you know, have been doing over the last couple months. I mean, it's easy to kind of look ahead, but I'm just trying to be here right now and enjoy this moment, see wherever it takes me.

Q. And a third win would take you to the Tour right away. Was that even remotely in your mind entering the season or are you just focused on other things?

TIM WIDING: I mean, one of my goals was obviously to get a win this year. I've been trying not to focus too much on the results and the outcomes, it's more how I get to those -- to that point. That involves everything I'm doing back home on and off the course. Of course I was close a couple times last year, I didn't pull it off. Just to win once here is incredible. It's so competitive out here, so just to be able to win once was great. To do it back to back is, I don't even know, I don't have words for it. I was just happy that we could play today seeing the forecast. It's incredible.

Q. What do you think is the biggest thing that you'll take away from maybe if it's not this week, just the last two weeks?

TIM WIDING: Yeah, I think like I said earlier, this week, after winning last week, I know I can do it. That was the biggest thing, to finally get that win. So this week I was trying to be -- enjoy it as much as possible. Today was new for me being able to defend a lead. I had a couple last year, I was up by one heading into the last round, didn't pull it off, and last week I kind of came from behind. This one probably means -- I mean, doesn't mean more than the last week, but just to be able to be in front and stay that way is huge for me going forward. Just a nice relief.

Q. You talk about trying to be in the lead, stay in the lead. What's your mindset? How do you do that when you're actually in the middle of that out there?

TIM WIDING: It's tough. My thoughts, they go everywhere on the course and before every shot just have to get back to the present and try to be locked in on every shot. It's really difficult, but I just try and keep the conversations going and focus on the breathing. May sound a little boring, but it is what it is, been trying to just focus on my breathing and just get back to it. And smile as much as possible.

Yeah, it is really tough, especially on the front nine it was pretty windy. Both Trent and



Frankie played really good and they kind of kept me on my toes and I had to be focused. Yeah, especially today since we teed off so late, I had a lot of time to think and process, so that didn't help either. Lucky enough to have my wife here both these weeks to kind of calm me down. Went out and had a nice brunch this morning to try and not think about golf too much.

Q. What did you tell yourself after 14?

TIM WIDING: After 14, 14, was that the three-putt?

Q. Yeah.

TIM WIDING: I don't know. I knew it was a little downhill, but in my head I just wanted to make it real bad. I think I just -- obviously hit it a little too hard, but I was still pretty calm over that second putt. Hit a good putt, surprised it went left on me and lipped out.

But then I'm really proud of how I handled that, I kind of left it off and still make sure I was committed to hole 15, was able to get back-to-back birdies, 15 and 16.

Looking back at it last year, it was kind of the thing that I would deal with not as smooth as today, but I thank my team so much. Peter that was with me last week, my mental coach, we talk every week. Just to be able to rely on the stuff we talk about and that I've been working on, obviously winning is great, but to see myself out there under the gun to be able to do those things we talked about is what I'm most proud of.

Q. How important was patience this week?

TIM WIDING: Very. Especially with the weather, waking up every morning, saw the forecast, wind, rain. Yeah, it's still one of those things after that missed putt, like just be patient, been playing great, trust in my game. It's easier said than done, but it's really important not to get ahead of yourself.

Q. And the Swedish, how did you get into the Swedish national team sort of pipeline and what's been the best thing that they have provided you with threw the years?

TIM WIDING: I could stand here all night talking about it. I got to the national team at a pretty young age, 14, 15. There was a lot of people and then they kind of scale it down a little bit.

Sweden's a small country, but if you look at the last couple years, it's produced a lot of good golfers. Even starts at the high school level, not just the national team. Everyone's connected and I've always had a good network. Been with my swing coach, my high school coach, my national coach, they all know what's going on. We were traveling a lot throughout Europe, went to the U.S. a lot throughout the winters, to Dubai. Couldn't play back home in Sweden, there's cold and snow.



Just, I don't know. I don't know how other countries do it, but to me it's probably one of the best nations in how you develop in producing talents. I'm so grateful for everything they've done, all the trips in the winters and just the fact that Jon is here watching us this week, just the extra support means a lot. Not necessarily that we're working on anything, it's just having that support, talking through everything. They know what me and my swing coach are doing so they can kind of check it when they're here. Like I said, I can talk all night, but they're, yeah, just very grateful for all their support and their help.

Q. And any plans for the next two off weeks here?

TIM WIDING: Even after last week, I really wanted to just go home and soak it in with friends back home in California. Yeah, probably going to be playing a lot of hockey, that's what I'm going to be doing, I'm really looking forward to that. Just take a few days off and really again process what just happened and enjoy it. Yeah, that's pretty much it, just enjoy it and see what happens. I don't know, we'll see. There's going to be some parties.

