JIM KNOUS (-1)



Q. What were the emotions out there playing today knowing what you needed to do to get your conditional status?

JIM KNOUS: Yeah, the emotions were going crazy today. I was running through all the scenarios in my head, which is exactly what you don't want to do, but it's hard to block those out. Once that first tee ball was in the air, it was game time, everything kind of pushed to the back in my mind, so I was just able to focus on golf.

But it's emotional now. I'm happy to be done with the round, I'm happy to have played well on that back nine, on the second nine.

Q. What does this mean to you to be able to have your conditional status and be able to continue to play out here?

JIM KNOUS: Yeah, it's unbelievable. Obviously I wanted a high finish to get the full card, but conditional status on the PGA TOUR is incredible to keep that privilege and to be able to play Tour events the rest of the year. Off to a decent start with the Fortinet Championship and this one, so hopefully get in a couple more this fall and keep it rolling so we can kind of parlay that into a good season.

Q. You were probably nervous, but making that birdie on the last, I mean, did you know that you had to make that or thought you had to make that?

JIM KNOUS: I had no idea really what was going to happen, what will happen this afternoon. I knew making birdie would be great and would vault me up the leaderboard a little bit. I saw T-61 on the tee when I teed off, so I said, "I don't know about that." I said, "Let's make a par and I'm going to try to make this birdie putt just like any other putt, I'm going to try to make it." Luckily, rolled it in. I was so ecstatic to see it go in. And relief, too. A lot of relief.

Q. What was harder, making the cut, having to grind on Friday, or after the start you got, tough conditions, to be able to come back and --

JIM KNOUS: Yeah, it's a good question, which was harder. Maybe tied. They were both brutally hard. Obviously had a bad Round 1 and fought my butt off that Round 2 just to make the cut, just to have the chance at getting my card back or getting conditional status back.

And then today, 4 over through whatever I was, eight holes, just dug myself into a deep hole. Your mind kind of goes all the wrong places, but I just said, you know, I just told myself we're going to do this. I just kept fighting and just proud to have done it, you know. Proud to fight back on that second nine, make some birdies in tough conditions and leave Bermuda with some sort of status on the PGA TOUR.

Q. What do you have to say about Heidi and her being your No. 1 supporter?

JIM KNOUS: Yeah, she's my No. 1 fan. Lucky, lucky guy, for sure. I love her, love my family, my kids. Just a lucky guy.

Q. Were you almost like able to play for them more than just yourself because, as you said, you're trying to keep your livelihood and support your family?

JIM KNOUS: Yeah, yeah, for sure. I have a bag tag on my golf bag, it's got a picture of them that I play for. Just means a lot to me that I go out and play for them, my late friend Michael Lee, that's what I play for. To tee it up with them in the back of my mind, that's what I want to do, I want to make them proud.

Q. And then is this the greatest like finish maybe and most celebrated one you'll ever have?

JIM KNOUS: Yeah, greatest top-60 of all time. I'm going to celebrate with my caddie and my friends tonight and then my family when I get home. Then it's back to work, job's not done. Obviously conditional status, the ones I get in I have to be ready and I plan to be ready and go low and have chances.