

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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BRADEN THORNBERRY (-10)



Q. Before we talk about the 6-under 65, Braden, you had to come back and play two, maybe three holes?

BRADEN THORNBERRY: Two holes, yeah.

Q. How was that finishing off and then getting underway again?

BRADEN THORNBERRY: Yeah, my only bogey was actually on the hole that I stopped on so it was kind of a weird -- I knew -- the wind died a lot yesterday and it was like 193 on No. 8 and I was like either I hit it in the dark or I hit it when it's potentially coming out and blowing 20 in off the left.

So I decided to hit it and kind of hit it right of the green and had to come out with a tough chip this morning. Made bogey there, but then almost birdied the ninth so that was a good kind of finish to the round and I was very happy with 4 under.

It was obviously -- we got a nice wave with the wind dying but it was whipping early on so still felt like a really good round. And then yeah, to come out today and kind of just click it off everything I was trying to do really, try to birdie the easy holes and then try to hold on for some of the hard ones, I was very pleased with how it went.

Q. You just mentioned earlier that you kind of enjoy the challenge of playing in the wind. What do you enjoy about it so much?

BRADEN THORNBERRY: I just enjoy not hitting stock shots I feel like. Like it's never -- you know, I hit my 9-iron 157 yards and like a lot of times when you're 157 middle of the fairway it's like you feel you have to be perfect, where I think here you can kind of make clubs fit the shot a little bit. Like you could either flight a 7 or hit a chippy 5. Like it kind of -- you have more options with what you're comfortable with.

Normally you pretty much are forced into hitting certain shots sometimes and everybody in the field's hitting the same shots. I just think it's fun to feel your way around the golf course, actually play golf instead of just kind of hitting shots and playing golf swing.

Q. Do you think the nature of playing like that keeps you way more engaged in it and that helps you concentrate, play better?

BRADEN THORNBERRY: Yep, for sure. There are some shots that are hard, even the downwind shots are hard, so it keeps you very engaged with thinking around the golf course.



And like I was saying earlier, sometimes it could be a chip that's closer to the hole and into the wind versus a 50-footer downwind and that's not a normal thing, but it just kind of -- you have to really think about where you want to -- where you want to go right at flags and then sometimes you're like, oh, it's just not worth it here, let's just hit it 30 feet over here.

Sometimes that can be a number thing, the wind direction you don't like, whatever, but I just really feel like if you can like the shot, you kind of take it on and if you ever feel uncomfortable, just try to get to the middle of the green and deal with it from there.

Q. Can you give us an example and describe a shot that you hit today that you impressed yourself with just given the circumstances and conditions?

BRADEN THORNBERRY: Yeah. Like 15 today I had I think 119 and I was like it's probably a 9-iron, but I was like I just feel like that could get up in the wind. So I was like I'm just going to chip an 8-iron, like really chip it in there. I hit it 15 feet behind the hole and was able to make it there.

So that was a pretty good feeling shot because when it's over there by the ocean when it's blowing 30, like you feel like it can just go anywhere if you get it up in the air. So I was like let me try to completely chip this, get it 25 feet off the ground and try to just get it in play up there near the hole.

So that's kind of a lot of the into-the-wind shots, that's really the game plan is just get it out of the air and like whether it's near the hole or not's okay, just try to keep it somewhat in front of you.

Q. I know -- remind me, last year at the Korn Ferry Tour Championship when you won, had you already locked up your card for this year --

BRADEN THORNBERRY: No.

Q. -- or did you do that with the win?

BRADEN THORNBERRY: Yeah, I did it with the win. I had to finish second or better, so it was a really important one.

Q. Ever since you won, that kind of elevated like probably what you thought of yourself and especially what a lot of the golf world thought of you and since then you've really had to grind your way to get where you are now. So do you maybe feel a sense of maybe comfortability or familiarity with where you're at in the FedExCup race with just a couple events left knowing you have to play well these next two weeks?

BRADEN THORNBERRY: Yeah, I think a lot of guys that are out here for eight to 10 years,



they can maybe be uncomfortable with the thought of losing their card, but when you're on the Korn Ferry, every year you feel like you're always in that mix of losing your card or one win away from getting your PGA TOUR card.

So I feel like that probably is a slight advantage for people that are in my position right now that there's always those lines you're going for, right? A good week to maybe get in the top-150 or great week to get in the top-100.

So I feel like I'm very used to that type of pressure where a good week would go a long way. So really just trying to take one day at a time, but my game feels good and hopefully can do something these next couple weeks.

Q. As you said, still a lot of golf left to be played over the weekend, but what have you learned about yourself this year that you think you can take, regardless of what happens this week, next week into the future that you've learned about yourself?

BRADEN THORNBERRY: Yeah, I haven't had my best ball-striking, but I think more so I've been a little uncomfortable just with learning new courses every week. I'd gotten very used to -- on the Korn Ferry I played four, five years out there so I was very used to like showing up to a course I had been to, doing whatever prep I needed, not wearing myself out or whatever.

And now it feels like I have to show up Monday, play the pro-am. I'm there Tuesday. I'm not in the pro-am Wednesday. So it's a little bit of combo of that, you know, not having quite my best stuff with kind of being a little uncomfortable, and then like it turns into a lot of 72, 71 missed cuts.

You're like, all right, my game's not horrible but I'm just not able to quite click how I want. But these last couple weeks, like I said, my game is starting to show signs of really good stuff and just hopefully we can keep that up.

Q. Adam Hadwin's up by one on you and Chandler right now. He talked a little bit about it's been a while since he's been in contention, he started having some feelings coming back. He's feeling really happy with how he's performed with some of the feelings he's felt.

Is there anything similar like that to you? You look up at the leaderboard, you see where you're at on the board and you maybe feel some nerves come up?

BRADEN THORNBERRY: Not this early especially, but I feel like a good thing for me, like in college I was able to win a lot and even that Korn Ferry Tour Championship, that was one of the first times I was truly in contention. A couple weeks before in Boise I was, played well and finished fourth.

But I feel if I can get there on Sunday and be in contention, I feel like I've done that a lot. It



doesn't necessarily mean I'll play amazing, but I do feel like I'm comfortable and I've done it before. So that's always a good feeling to have in the back of your head.

Q. This might be a little deep, but your first ever PGA TOUR event as an amateur, you finished top-5. You were, I don't know how old.

BRADEN THORNBERRY: Yeah, 19 maybe.

Q. I mean, when you came away from that week, can you remember what sort of maybe expectation you had, and when you feel the way you feel now about yourself and you look back at that kid at that point, what would you -- what would you say to him?

BRADEN THORNBERRY: I mean, I definitely have not had -- it's a tough thing because I am on the PGA TOUR, so there's positives there. Obviously not the career I'd like to have had. Like a lot of my friends, like Morikawa and like Hovland, some of those people have won majors, won a lot of events out here.

But I try to always remind myself that not every path is the same. I might win this week and then go win a couple next year, you just never know. So I just try to keep my head down and do all the right things and see where it takes me.

