

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES
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BRADEN THORNBERRY (-12)



Q. Braden, 2 under today, heading into the final round tied for the lead. How are you kind of feeling after today's round?

BRADEN THORNBERRY: Yeah, I'm super excited. It's a battle out there. There's kind of some shots that are -- you feel are impossible, you're trying to get past and every once in a while you'll catch a wedge shot that's downwind a little bit and you feel like you have to take advantage of those. It feels like not every shot's hard, but then there's some, like 16 was a hurricane basically when we hit it. It was 124, tried to chip a 6-iron, wind changed. You get some shots like that that you have to accept are not going to end up near the hole even if you make a decent swing. Just try to battle it out, that's really just the key to it all.

Q. Other than 16, are there any shots or holes that specifically stand out as especially challenging this week?

BRADEN THORNBERRY: All the par 3s are tough. Anytime you have any sort of into the wind and more than 120 yards, you're just chipping some sort of mid iron. It's just a grind. Like you really just have to try to keep it on the right side of the hole, let the wind hit it as little as possible.

The wind is -- surprisingly for an island, usually it's just constant, not moving around -- it does change directions a little bit and it changes in strength a little bit. So that's tricky when you're trying to hit a 5-iron from 150 and hoping it doesn't settle down a little bit.

Q. With the tricky conditions with the wind this week and the course layout, coming into this tournament did you feel like with the course layout this could be a good one for you?

BRADEN THORNBERRY: Yeah, for sure. I've kind of -- I've told people before I feel like I play well a lot of times on easier golf courses with really hard conditions. That's kind of been my niche a little bit.

Yeah, I actually -- you wouldn't see it, I played pretty good in Utah, and then in Mexico I missed the cut by a lot but the second round I had maybe one of the best ball-striking rounds I ever had. So there's been signs in the last month or so of just really good golf, just excited to put it together here and have a chance tomorrow.

Q. The easy course with hard conditions, I guess what makes you feel like you excel at those situations?



BRADEN THORNBERRY: I don't know. I think that obviously if it's a hard course, hard conditions, it's just hard for everyone. I feel like in the past I've had success just kind of like playing golf. I know that's kind of a weird things to say, but not just hitting 197 6-iron. It's more about figuring out your way around the course and I feel like you can do that on a place -- it's hard to picture this place with no wind so I don't even know what it would play like.

Yeah, I feel like I'm good a lot of times when you're kind of positioning yourself around, picking your spots, stuff like that as opposed to a week where you're just firing at every flag. That a lot of times isn't my strength. I've been looking forward to this one for a while knowing that it was windy and all that kind of stuff, so just excited to kind of do to the game plan so far and hopefully make something happen.

Q. First year on Tour, you haven't been in this position very often going in the final round. Looking back, are there any tournaments, whether it was KFT Championship last year or prior events where you can kind of look back and kind of take some of those lessons from those?

BRADEN THORNBERRY: Yeah. So last year on Korn Ferry in the summer I had a run where I was in second place like four times going into Sunday and I kept shooting kind of even or 1 over. Nothing crazy, but kind of falling down to 15th or so.

Then I kind of finally figured it out in Boise. Same thing, I think I was second or third going into the round. Ended up finishing fourth but played good on Sunday, and then a couple weeks later was able to do that at the final tournament and win.

So feels like kind of -- I was able to win a bunch in college, but I don't know if I'd forgotten it or what, but it had been a while, maybe three or four years. Hopefully with that recent stuff at the end of last year, hopefully I can carry it over.

Q. Last question unrelated to golf, big game tonight, Ole Miss-Florida. Prediction for the game?

BRADEN THORNBERRY: I hope we can get up early and kind of run away with it. I'm going to have to go to sleep, so I hope they can be up enough to where I don't have to worry about it. I've been an Ole Miss Fan a long time and these are the kind of games that we've lost throughout my fandom. So hopefully they can take care of this because I do not want to go into Starkville having to win that game, that's going to be a tough one.

