

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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BEN SILVERMAN (-12)



Q. Ben, another good, solid day, just the one bogey in 36 holes. How would you describe this day compared to yesterday?

BEN SILVERMAN: It felt similar to yesterday. I hit some really good putts that were short in the hole. Ball was bouncing a little bit more today, maybe just a little grainier late in the day. So a couple putts didn't get to the hole, but still rolling it well and still striking it well.

That bogey on 16, I hit a good 7-iron in there that missed the green by like a yard and had a funky chip. It happens.

Q. Last hole looked like you drove it in the trees there. What was the challenge there?

BEN SILVERMAN: I was trying to keep it on the right side of the hole but not that far right. I just kind of bailed a little bit on the tee shot and got in trouble.

But, I mean, that was a great scrambling 4. I was just sling hooking something out of the rough, which doesn't really hook in Bermuda. Somehow got like a hooded 8-iron to hook enough to catch the greenside bunker. It was a great bunker shot, so happy with the 4 there.

Q. Just being in contention, it's been a while for you. I mean, with the nerves, was there like excitement? How was it?

BEN SILVERMAN: It feels good. There's a little bit of nerves, there's excitement, a little bit of adrenaline, kind of a mix of everything which you get when you're in contention at the sport you love. It's good.

Q. We talked about your putting yesterday and your unique putter. I just wanted to touch on that with a couple more questions if you're OK with it. Was there a learning curve in switching to that new putter grip and did it feel natural and comfortable immediately or did it take a little bit of time?

BEN SILVERMAN: I'd say it was a super fast learning curve. The only thing that felt different was the vibration of the ball coming off the face is different than a normal putter shaft. It almost has a hollow feel kind of like an old persimmon wood.

But I like it, and as soon as I got used to that, speed and everything was the same, the feel in the palms of my hands feels good. I mean, these are my first two competitive rounds with it, it just feels comfortable.



Q. And had you talked with Tony Finau much before approaching him about the putter or was that the first meeting?

BEN SILVERMAN: No. I just randomly saw him on the putting green in Utah when I was walking up to practice. He was leaving and his caddie was putting it back in the bag and Tony was going to talk to somebody else. Toney doesn't even know I tried it, I just told his caddie, hey, let me see that, and rolled a couple with it and I was like, I like it.

