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Quick Quotes

Q. Not knowing you were going to be in the field until about an hour before you tee off to tied second going into the final day of a Signature Event. What are your emotions?

KRISTOFFER REITAN: It's been a little bit of a whirlwind emotion wise this week. Just mainly happy to be here and get a chance in one of the Signature Events. Yeah, I've been trying to look at it as whatever happens this week is a bonus no matter what. Obviously very, very pleased to be in the position I'm in. But that's kind of the approach I've been taking this week.

Q. Assess your round.

KRISTOFFER REITAN: My round? Very, very pleased. Very, very difficult. Conditions out there, a lot of wind, it's a tough golf course to begin with. Just happy with the way I was able to maneuver my way around there. I had to hit some shapes here and there and felt like I dealt with that nicely. So that's a good step for me in the right direction. I was pleased with the round overall.

Q. Going back to the beginning you said it was a bit of a whirlwind start. In fact you didn't have your caddie. Can you talk through the logistics of that and how that all worked out for you?

KRISTOFFER REITAN: Yeah, so I've been giving him just a little bit of stick for it, that he wasn't here and prepared. But at the same time he tried his best to get here a day in advance, but yeah something happened with his flight. So it was a little bit out of his control. Yeah, so then I got my coach, Denny, to step in and he did a pretty decent job. So, yeah, just happy to have a team around me that's available for me and eager to help in any way they can.

Q. Would you say that there's some momentum going these last three weeks in particular?

KRISTOFFER REITAN: Yeah, I would say so. I mean, yeah, just trying to learn every single week and trying to improve my game slowly but surely I feel like that's the best



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approach for me and that worked well for me last year. So that's what I've been trying to do. Yeah, it's good to get the physical evidence that you're on the right path and the evidence is results, so it's nice to get a few of those just to feel like you're gain ago little bit of momentum. So, yeah, excited for a new day tomorrow.

Q. When did the whirlwind settle down? Did it settle down once you started the round on Thursday or really not until you got into Friday's routine?

KRISTOFFER REITAN: Thursday was very, very difficult mentally. I was just, I mean half prepared, I would say, for playing a golf tournament. You just get tossed out into it and I just tried to make the most of it. Yeah, obviously happy with how I dealt with that. As I said, just very, very pleased to get the opportunity play a Signature Event.

Q. I know you've had some success down here as a junior golfer, had you had the opportunity to play this course even way back then?

KRISTOFFER REITAN: Yeah, I played the Doral Publics, I don't know if that's what it's called still. Yeah, I played that one like five years in a row from the age of 11. Every December we would come here as a family and spend, yeah, Christmas vacation down here and play the Orange Bowl at the Biltmore. So I know the area somewhat, but yeah the conditions that are on display out there right now is nothing that I've ever experienced in this area. But, yeah, it's good to have a little bit of knowledge from before.

Q. Had it changed much since your junior days?

KRISTOFFER REITAN: I would say. So I recognize some of the holes, but yeah it's such a long time ago, so it feels like I'm just, you know, painting on a blank canvas.

Q. Going back to early week you said that you had plans on Wednesday to leave and go play recreational golf. Can you tell us about that story again?

KRISTOFFER REITAN: Well, yeah, so I had a game setup, it was with Rasmus Højgaard, Marco Penge and Chris Ventura, so I was really looking forward to that. But



then I get the call that I'm first reserve or first alternate, and then, yeah, I just had to pack my things and get down here as quickly as possible. Yeah, a little bit difficult as well with the pro-am being on Wednesday because I could sneak out just barely before the first tee time at 7 a.m. or whatever it was, but didn't really get a full 18 in. So, yeah, there's a lot of stuff that has happened this week that hasn't really potentially been optimal, but, yeah, you have to deal with that as it comes along.

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