

FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW
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AUSTIN COOK (- 21)

Q. Austin, impressive, what a round. I know it got started a little slowly, maybe a little nerves this morning, but you followed through. What was the key for you today?

AUSTIN COOK: Staying in the moment. I was able to do that really well until about 17, after that putt. But staying in the moment and knowing that the wind's tough, if they gain a couple on me early, it doesn't matter because there's still a lot of golf to play.

Q. Your buddies are saying this doesn't surprise them. Two years ago you had a little taste of the PGA TOUR. What did you learn from then to now?

AUSTIN COOK: Just that I can play with these guys and just I think mentally just being able to stay in the moment a little bit more. A little more mature mentally so I could brush off small things. You know, miss a green or whatever, don't get a ball up and down, just know that -- leave that behind and go on to the next shot.

Q. You move up to No. 3 in the FedExCup points. You're a rookie on the PGA TOUR. You get to go to the Sentry Tournament of Champions at Kapalua, you get to play in THE PLAYERS Championship, the Masters and all that. Could you imagine that at this point?

AUSTIN COOK: No. Fourth tournament with my Tour card, that's pretty impressive if you ask me. No, I'm just super excited. Like you said, jumped me up to third on the FedExCup points. Hopefully I can make a good run by the end of the year at the FedExCup and I'm just looking forward to the rest of the season.

Q. I know your wife Crys has been here all week, your parents, coach at Arkansas was here, players there, former teammates. What does it mean for you to win in front of all these people?

AUSTIN COOK: I just feel the love from all these people. I'm just so happy that they're down here supporting me. We had a couple planes come down this morning to watch and I just want to thank them all for their support. It just feels great to play in front of them.

Q. I've been covering the PGA TOUR since 2005. Your win this week is as impressive as I've ever seen.

AUSTIN COOK: Thank you.

Q. That was an impressive performance, what impressed you the most?

AUSTIN COOK: Staying in the moment and just kind of keep my head level around the greens. Whenever something bad happened, I was able to kind of brush it off and just stay in the moment.

Q. Early in the week your caddie Kip Henley said this was the most stress-free two rounds he's ever seen. Was it stress free coming down the stretch?

AUSTIN COOK: No. I mean, the way the golf went, yes, but the nerves and on the inside, no, it wasn't stress free.

Q. I saw the fist pump on 17 after the birdie. Did it feel like a walk-off?

AUSTIN COOK: A little bit. I saw that J.J. made birdie on 18 to get back to 17, and being able to do that, make that putt there and have a three-shot buffer coming into 18 downwind off the right, my favorite, I felt very comfortable with it.

Q. We talked earlier in the week about you having these experiences before, in the hunt at the Shell Houston Open a few years ago. Did you pull on any of those experiences? 2?

AUSTIN COOK: Oh, yeah, I think the Shell and a couple of those Memphis tournaments, St. Jude, I've been kind of there in contention on the weekend and I just kind of got too far ahead of myself and just kind of pressed a little bit. I think I've learned from that and now I've been able to just kind of play my game and let golf happen.