

KRAMER HICKOK (-7)

Q. Bogey-free 64, what was the key for you on the golf course today?

KRAMER HICKOK: I just felt really comfortable on the greens. I really hammered out my putting yesterday and a lot of speed work. That's something I struggled with last week and I played pretty well last week. I had a little bit of momentum coming in shooting 8 under on the weekend last week, so I felt pretty good about my game, I just needed to tighten up a few things and putting is one of them.

Q. A lot of players make their way to the PGA TOUR differently. You went to the Mackenzie Tour, PGA TOUR Canada and won. You went on the Web.com Tour last year and now in your rookie season on the PGA TOUR. How much is that going to help you this year?

KRAMER HICKOK: Yeah, I think it will help a lot. It's kind of nice to look back and know that I've won on every stage and know that I've -- essentially I've paid my dues. I've been out there and I've worked my way up. I've seen the success I've had on each level, and knowing that I've had the success making the step up to the next level, I think it's going to help me this year knowing that I can do it. If I can go from Canada to the Web, I know I can do it going from the Web to this tour. So I'm extremely excited about the progress I made knowing that two years ago I had no status at all and now I'm on the PGA TOUR. So I'm looking forward to just the challenges of being out here and learning from the best guys in the world.

Q. Speaking of the best guys in the world, you graduated from the University of Texas. Jordan Spieth, Beau Hossler, a long lineage of successful players. Have you reached out to those players as you've made your way to the PGA TOUR?

KRAMER HICKOK: No. You know, we see each other so much when we're home, especially Jordan, we play a lot of golf together. I'm not -- I'm reaching out when I'm home and trying to pick his brain a little bit here and there, but really just watching him play, learning from him, what he does at practice. And we have the same coach, so a lot of the things that he's doing, I'm doing. It's not necessarily I'm going to try to do whatever he's doing, I'm just trying to pick up little things here and there. And same thing goes for any of the guys out here, I'm just trying to learn from just how these guys get better and take what works for me and use that to my advantage.

It's certainly nice to be able to call Jordan, Beau, Frattelli, Gribble, you know, there's a long list and there's going to be more coming, so it's nice to have close friends around you that are good at golf.