

BRYSON NIMMER (-3)

Q. So you had just played here, was that last week, I guess?

BRYSON NIMMER: Last week. Ended Tuesday.

Q. Okay, cool. So kind of any difference between then and now?

BRYSON NIMMER: Not really. I mean, I think both are good golf courses and I think it kind of helps getting acclimated to being down here. It's obviously awesome, Puerto Rico's beautiful. And back home it's like 40 degrees right now, so I'm pretty happy.

Q. Is this your first PGA TOUR start?

BRYSON NIMMER: This is my first pro tournament.

Q. So what was kind of the vibe as you were getting ready today and teed off on the first?

BRYSON NIMMER: We work with a sports psychologist back in Clemson and we just talk about trying to treat every tournament the same. So that's kind of the mindset I took, I did the same routine, same everything, ate at the same time. Just tried to kind of make it as minimal as possible.

Q. What was maybe the key to your round today coming out here? The winds were swirling, a little unpredictable. The weather was a little unpredictable, too. What was the key for you?

BRYSON NIMMER: I think I just stayed really patient. I hit the ball well, but I missed a few opportunities early and I just didn't really get mad at myself. I just kind of kept plugging, and I hit some good shots on the back. Obviously didn't end the way I wanted it to, but it was still really fun.

Q. Was it one of those days where you were kind of feeding off of the success of another guy? Obviously Martin played very well today, too.

BRYSON NIMMER: Yeah, definitely. I mean, watching him, he rolled it and made a lot of putts. A few times he was on the same line as I was, so I got some good reads, so that was helpful. He's a really good player.

Q. What did you take away from your practice round with Jonathan Byrd earlier in the

week?

BRYSON NIMMER: It was good. I actually -- so we only played nine together, so we finished around like 12:30, 1:00 at the other course and I rushed over here to try to get 18 in. We played nine, the front nine. He hits it so good, he still hits it amazing. He taught me a few things, told me where to keep some, showed me where some pins would be. He's been really helpful.

Q. And how about the ensemble today, is bright stuff usually what you go with? What was the choice?

BRYSON NIMMER: Not really. I had these pants sitting in my closet and I've never really worn them, so I was like, what better way than first day, you know.

Q. A little bit of an introduction to a lot of readers today. What's kind of a bit of your back story? When did you start playing golf?

BRYSON NIMMER: I started when I was around like 10 or 11. My dad played at Clemson as well. He never really pushed me into it. I played baseball at first and then kind of fell in love with it, and then switched over to golf around like 12 or 13.

Q. Was there like a specific moment that you knew golf was going to be your thing or kind of a collection of moments maybe?

BRYSON NIMMER: Yeah, I think when I started out I wasn't very good and then it kind of made me mad, made me want to get better. I think that drive to want to get better is the reason I switched to it.

Q. Is there someone on the PGA TOUR who you are maybe trying to emulate or whose habits you really are trying to follow?

BRYSON NIMMER: Yeah, I mean, obviously I've got a lot of guys that I like out there. I like Jason Day a lot. Got to meet him this year, which was pretty cool. He's a really good guy and I really look up to his game a lot. And then Kyle Stanley, Clemson guy, he's kind of -- he lived in my area for a little bit, so I like his game a lot, too.

Q. And away from the golf course when you're not playing, practicing, where can we find you? What do you like doing?

BRYSON NIMMER: Right now just in the classroom and working out and stuff. They keep us pretty busy.

Q. And then once school's finished, the plan is to head off to Q-School I assume, try to go that route?

BRYSON NIMMER: Yeah, I'm going to try to turn pro.