

**ROB OPPENHEIM (-16)**

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**Q. How would you sum up that round out there, Rob?**

**ROB OPPENHEIM:** Yeah, it was a great round. Probably, you know, to be honest, one of the better rounds I've ever played. I just felt very comfortable. Tee to green was solid and made some putts. Nos. 1 and 2, made two long putts, kind of got me settled in. Last year Korn Ferry Playoffs in Boise I shot 61 on Sunday -- on Saturday, sorry -- to get me in a good position that week and my caddie kind of threw that out where he threw the No. 61. I didn't think I was going to have a chance to do it. Unfortunately, I bogeyed the last to shoot 62, but all in all, it was a great round.

**Q. You're used to pressure through your whole 18-year career, whether it be Korn Ferry Finals, whether it be Q-School. Is this just kind of the same, normal and maybe you thrive on pressure a little bit? You've always kind of come through.**

**ROB OPPENHEIM:** Yeah, it's what we play for, to kind of put ourselves in these situations and see how you handle it. I haven't been in this situation, I've never been in one of the last two or three groups on Sunday, but I've been in plenty of situations where I've been fighting to keep my job or trying to get out here.

Like you said, don't get much more pressure than that, I don't think. Maybe to win a major, this, that. We'll see tomorrow what I'm feeling, but I'm excited. I like the golf course, very comfortable here, so I'm looking forward to it.

**Q. What will you draw on tomorrow knowing that you haven't been in that position before?**

**ROB OPPENHEIM:** Yeah, just like I said, some of the situations I've been where I'm trying to keep my job and play for my career. I've got two kids at home. Trying to just survive at times throughout my career. To draw back on some of those times where I've had some important rounds and got it done.

You know, like I said, I think the most important thing is I really like this golf course. I feel comfortable with tee shots, the lines feel good, I like the speed of the greens. So I'm comfortable here and I think that helps as much as anything.

**Q. What would it mean to make the Playoffs and play in your home, especially at this point in your career?**

**ROB OPPENHEIM:** Yeah, that was the main goal at the beginning of the year. I've never

done that. This is my third year on the PGA TOUR and I've never made the Playoffs. For it to be up in Boston, I know there's no fans, but just being up there would be pretty special to play that event. In 2006, that was my first PGA TOUR start back when it was the Deutsche Bank and I'm just excited to have the opportunity to do that tomorrow.

**Q. How would you sum up your professional career to date and what would tomorrow mean for you?**

**ROB OPPENHEIM:** Yeah. I mean, a lot of up and down, but I love it. I love doing what I've been doing. I have great family support from friends and family. Wife that's supportive, because it's not all that glamorous playing the mini tours for a long time. Then got on the Korn Ferry Tour and played that many times, kind of back and forth. Never kept my card out here, been out here three times. But yeah, it's just, you know, you can't do this as long as I have without loving it. I love competing, love playing professional golf and wouldn't want to do anything else.

**Q. You were possibly a better baseball player as a child than you were a golfer. How did you end up gravitating towards golf?**

**ROB OPPENHEIM:** Yeah, I realized at 5-10 and 160 I don't have the power, so I think golf took me -- I think I chose the right path.

**Q. We talked yesterday about your bubble boy status traditionally.**

**ROB OPPENHEIM:** Yeah.

**Q. What was the most satisfying time when you made it and what was the one that was the biggest gut punch?**

**ROB OPPENHEIM:** You know, I've had a bunch of them, so I could go back. The biggest gut punch was when I was inside the bubble, I was inside the Top-25. I think I was 24th going in the last event of the regular season back when it was the Web.com, the Korn Ferry Tour, and I missed the cut by one shot and ended up finishing 26th. So that was pretty devastating. I was that close. I won that year on that tour and it looked like I was going to get my Tour card but came up just short.

But then went to the Playoffs and I ended up getting my card. I made bogey on the last hole, that got me in by \$101. So that was the first year, that was 2015. You know, amazing fine line. I was 26th regular season and then I was 25th in the Playoffs.

And then last year, you know, keep grinding and I finally had a chance to get -- I was close again and I made about a 10-footer to make the cut at Evansville at Victoria National to make the cut. I knew I needed to make the cut to pretty much maybe get my Tour card. that was as satisfying a putt as I've ever made. I wasn't playing great. To make about a 10-footer to make the cut and now I've got my Tour card.

**Q. When was your last victory?**

**ROB OPPENHEIM:** 2015, I believe. It was at Wichita.

**Q. And what club did you hit on 5 when you made eagle?**

**ROB OPPENHEIM:** 7-wood. No, no, 3-wood, sorry, 3-wood. A big cut 3-wood in there and hit about a 15-footer after that.

**Q. Do you have an idea in terms of number of starts what it might mean to crack the Top-125 versus being in this reshuffle category for next year?**

**ROB OPPENHEIM:** Yeah, it's a great question. I don't know. Yeah, I have no idea. I don't think really anyone knows that. But I've never been in that situation. I've always played out of the Korn Ferry category where I've played -- I don't think I've ever not played a PGA TOUR event that I've gotten in. To have some flexibility to maybe pick out your schedule, to pick and choose or play some events that I know courses suit me better than others, it would be great to have that luxury, but I've got to get that done tomorrow.