

ASTARA CHILE CLASSIC

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW

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RYAN McCORMICK (-12)



Q. All right, Ryan, clearly a pretty incredible day out there, 10-under bogey-free, 2 under yesterday. Just kind of walk me through your week and obviously how today went.

RYAN McCORMICK: Yeah, it's been a day. You know, my coach, Bernie Najjar, and I talked a little last week on Sunday and I started to hit it better. I shot 31 in my final nine Sunday last week and kind of felt like I was turning the corner with some of the swing stuff we've been working on. Hit it great yesterday, just didn't score well. Scoring was there today, so yeah, it was awesome.

Q. I mean, what was it today that was the biggest difference from your round yesterday if you could pinpoint it to anything?

RYAN McCORMICK: Yeah, just kind of cleaned up the par 5s. I hit it really well and I made some putts. Sounds, you know, basic, but there's no wind out here, it's beautiful and the course is in great shape. It's very gettable, pretty short, so a lot of opportunities for birdies.

Q. Who do you have on your bag this week?

RYAN McCORMICK: Yeah, my girlfriend, Addie, she came out here this week. We kind of planned this a couple months ago at the start of the season. Yeah, it's been a fun trip with her. Probably less practicing than I do normally might be a good thing. Yeah, no, she's a trouper, she's hanging in there.

Q. How's it been like having her on the bag? Do you talk golf? Does she play golf or --

RYAN McCORMICK: No.

Q. -- or does it keep your mind a little bit away from the course?

RYAN McCORMICK: Yeah, no, she doesn't play golf. Yeah, a lot of talking about the ducks on 18 or the snow up in the mountains, a couple dogs barking at us on a couple holes. Yeah, not a lot of golf, I'm handling all that.

Q. Do you think she can take a little credit for the 10 under?

RYAN McCORMICK: She told me to be nice to myself this week, so I'm trying to hold true



to that and I thought I did a good job of that yesterday and today.

Q. We can officially say you've made six of six cuts this season, that's an incredible start. Just how does it feel knowing that this season's already off to good start for you?

RYAN McCORMICK: Yeah, it's awesome. Worked hard this offseason to get ready, felt like I just tried to check all the boxes off that I needed to do to get ready to go. Yeah, I've got some really smart people helping me and I just try to do what they tell me to do and hope that it works out.

Q. Could be wrong, but I think your best finish this season was in Bogota.

RYAN McCORMICK: Yes.

Q. Is there something kind of special about this part of the world that you like?

RYAN McCORMICK: Something about Astara, I guess.

Q. The sponsor.

RYAN McCORMICK: Yeah. I mean, I love playing at altitude, it's awesome. Who doesn't love to see the ball go far? Just nice looking around. I grew up close to the ocean, so I didn't grow up with the mountains and stuff. Just a nice setting to walk around in.

Q. And anything else that you want to focus on differently before the weekend comes up?

RYAN McCORMICK: Not really. I'm doing a lot of the same good stuff. Just probably going to get some rest and get ready to go for the weekend.

