

COMPLIANCE SOLUTIONS CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW

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ALDRICH POTGIETER (-7)

Q. Aldrich, welcome to Korn Ferry Tour. How's this week been so far for you?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: It's been an awesome two days so far. The golf course is good. The rain delays certainly put us back today, but it was a good solid day today and a good day yesterday. Yeah, I'm enjoying it so far.

Q. Sponsor exemption this week, correct? How did that come about? How did you end up in the field this week?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: Yeah, I had to make my way -- well, talking to the PGA TOUR and they gave me this invite directly from them, so that was pretty nice to have.

Then playing good last week, so really happy with that result. Yeah, looking forward to the next couple of weeks and hopefully play well this week to get into the next week.

Yeah, really thankful for this invite.

Q. You graduated high school when?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: Last year.

Q. OK. So what's your life look like since then?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: Well, last year was pretty up there with business. Yeah, winning the British Am, so that was hectic after that. Playing as much golf as I can in South Africa just to get a world ranking and everything that side coming from Australia. Yeah, so I'm just playing as much golf as I can and looking forward to this year turning pro. Well, turned pro. Yeah, looking forward to it and seeing what happens.

Q. What was that decision like for you deciding to just go pro instead of going to college?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: I feel like from a young age it's always been like that. I think my parents also kind of knew that that was going to be the best path for me.

Yeah, I did look at it. Yeah, I think winning the British Am definitely helped put me in the right direction making sure that I'm ready to turn pro, and I'm happy I stuck with that decision,



yeah.

Q. Are you living in the States right now? What's your home? Are you traveling all the time? How's that looking?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: Yeah, so I'm still in South Africa in Mossel Bay, but yeah, if I keep playing well here I might have to move. Yeah, it's been good. We have a base kind of in Atlanta, we have a friend that we can go stay over there. Yeah, it's pretty good golf courses there, so hopefully I'm keeping myself busy that I don't have to spend too much time there.

Q. How does it feel in your first start to kind of be in contention and putting yourself up there?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: It's good. Yesterday was a solid round, but I think today was a little bit of a struggle with the greens being a little bit softer in the afternoon and adjusting to this wind. It really picked up.

Yeah, looking forward to the next few days and I know there's a low round in there somewhere.

Q. Did you play the U.S. Open?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: Yeah.

Q. And how was that experience? You made the cut there. Just how was that?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: That was really cool. LACC was a great golf course. The conditions were good, the golf course was good, everything was awesome.

Yeah, well, taking it to the next step, that was the amateur career done and that was exciting. Yeah, it was a good tournament. Struggled the last two days, but it was good.

Q. So was that and then this week your first two PGA TOUR-sanctioned events?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: Yeah, so this week's the first.

Q. Korn Ferry Tour and then PGA TOUR-sanctioned?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: Yeah.

Q. OK, so two-for-two on cuts made, that's got to feel pretty good knowing that you can contend out here?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: Yeah, and I'm not too far behind this week. Still got two days left and hopefully we can pull something together and put a really good score on the board.



Q. What are you most looking forward to about the weekend besides putting some good scores together hopefully?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: Hopefully the rain stays away, but also the heat's here. The weather's up there, it's a little bit different than what I'm used to, but it's good. The golf course is good. I hope these greens stick to being as good as they are. Yeah, looking forward to this week and obviously just trying to put a good score and looking what I can do.

Q. Do you have family here or are you traveling by yourself?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: I've got my caddie here, we're really good friends and both from the same estate so live really close to each other. I had my parents here last week for the U.S. Open. Unfortunately they had to go back to South Africa. Yeah, looking forward if I keep playing well they might come with me to the States here.

Q. I bet there's not many 18-year-olds that can just kind of make that big leap and do what you're doing. Have you always been more mature for your age, or how has that transition been like?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: I feel like I'm a little bit more mature. Yeah, I feel like it's always been that idea that I'll turn pro after school. I feel like it's always been in the back of my mind, so I feel like I'm sticking with the plan and the plan's working so far, so it's working.

Q. Is this your first event as a professional?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: Yes.

Q. So last week you got in through the British Amateur?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: Yes. So that was the last week as an amateur and this week as a pro.

Q. That's so cool. Does it feel any different now that you're out here trying to earn a paycheck?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: I feel like I'm not trying to concentrate on the money side because I'm only 18. I feel like that's going to come if I just play well.

Yeah, just trying to concentrate on the game and trying to put a good score on the board still.

Q. How did you first pick it up? Does your dad golf?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: My dad was a rugby player. He was really good, he played



professional rugby. After he got so many injuries from the game, I was born and he decided no, I'm not going to play rugby, I'm going to play golf.

He enjoys the game probably more than I do. Yeah, he took me to the range when I was young and I picked it up pretty well and just kept going from there.

