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ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTE June 30, 2023



AARON RAI (-11)

Q. Aaron, good playing, 4-under 68. If we could just get an opening comment on your round.

AARON RAI: Thank you. Yeah, another solid round, played very nicely tee to green, drove it well overall, hit a lot of good approach shots, had a lot of good opportunities today which was really nice. Made putts pretty early to kind of keep the round moving in the right direction and played great coming in. Unfortunately missed a couple of putts coming in, but it was nice to make birdie on 18 there just to finish it off well.

Q. How big was that birdie at 18 after seven pars in a row there, just getting that confidence back going into tomorrow?

AARON RAI: Yeah, definitely. Every shot out here is very important. The standard of golf, the depth is incredible, so every shot is very important. But as you said there with having a lot of opportunities on the back nine and not converting many of them and being able to finish off that way on 18 with a great tee shot, great second shot, making a good putt there from about 12 feet was an excellent way to finish.

Q. Lastly, obviously a position you've been in a few times this season. How much more comfortable are you on the weekend with a chance to win?

AARON RAI: Yeah, it's been great to have experienced a few final groups and starting off late on the weekends. But again, every situation is different and I can take confidence from previous experiences, but this weekend is going to be different, it's a different golf course. I've experienced different things this week and it's just about trying to adapt as well as possible to the conditions and also to my emotions as well out there and trying to stay as calm as I can really, as composed as I can. I can take a lot of great things from experiences this year, but the next two days are two separate days at the same time.

