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PIERCESON COODY (-25)

Q. So what's it feel like, man? Second win of the season. You were in the final group today and you knew that you had the chance to win it, so what's it feel like?

PIERCESON COODY: I mean, it's so cliché, but it's hard to put into words because it still doesn't feel real. It's probably not going to feel real for a few days.

I kind of, I knew that this meant that I get to go to the PGA TOUR, so it's crazy to think about, it's crazy that it happens. I'm just happy it didn't come down to the last tournament or something like that. I was kind of in a little bit of a funk and it's crazy that one week in golf can change everything and change your mindset. Obviously just ecstatic with where things are right now.

Q. The drama playing out, it comes down to him having hit a shot on the green in regulation, maybe make eagle, maybe force you into a different strategy. What was your mindset going in there as he's standing over that ball?

PIERCESON COODY: You know, I'm happy they didn't put the pin in the bowl or something. I knew this was a really hard pin to make an eagle to.

I knew the situation I was in, I was not going to go for it. So I took one less club off the tee, hit a pretty horrible shot, so made it pretty dramatic. Hit a 9-iron from like 145 yards to 15 feet, probably one of the better shots of the day for me, especially given the circumstance.

Once you put it in the water, it's just kind of get as focused as possible and hit the correct shot in. Happy that I executed.

Q. What was this weekend like being able to flop back and forth with your brother at the top of the leaderboard?

PIERCESON COODY: It's cool. I mean, he's been playing -- I don't know how many events he's had full status, but Mondayed and finished fifth in Kansas City, so the last seven or eight events he's been beating up on me pretty bad. It's nice that I got ahead of him here.

I can't believe he finished second, I finished first. I don't think that's ever happened, I know not in our professional golf and I don't think in college either. So this is really cool for both of



us, really cool that our parents got to come out and watch it as well.

Q. And some bragging rights for you, right?

PIERCESON COODY: I mean, it's already started. I'll let him know, I'll let him know.

Q. Pierceson, you said earlier in the week that you just didn't feel great about where your game was at. Can you kind of go into detail a little bit about that and maybe what started clicking?

PIERCESON COODY: Yeah, I feel like it's been pretty well documented at this point that I had surgery in the offseason and my swing just, it changed the way kind of the club was sitting at the top of my swing and I was coming down into the ball, I was a lot more open, just in a weaker spot.

I opened the clubface to make it a little inconsistent, so I had some good weeks like I did earlier in the season and then some really tough weeks like I was having recently. I just made that change, just committed to getting the face square at the top, but feels really shut to me.

Had a nice long talk with my putting coach on Tuesday and made some adjustments, so I guess we just kind of hit the nail on the head with some adjustments the last two weeks. I mean, I need to get better still. I still, like the shot on 18 off the tee is not ideal, but it's obviously getting in a lot better spot. Yeah, just keep building on it.

Q. Was there anything about this course or this week that made you think prior to Thursday, all right, this could be the week where it turns around?

PIERCESON COODY: No, not at all, no. I missed the cut here last year I think by one or something like that. There's a lot of tee shots that are just a little uncomfortable, a lot of like really short holes with the wind straight off the left with an elevated tee box. So since I cut it, some of the tee balls aren't like ideal visually, but I was great off the tee. It was really nice to hit just a lot of fairways, and when I did miss, I was right in the rough so I never had to punch out or do anything like that. So I just kind of played to my strengths. I knew I was putting well and I think I had a pretty high greens in reg this week, so I just kind of trusted the putter.

Q. After about 12 or 13 holes you and Chandler were T-1 on the leaderboard, seemed like you guys were kind of going one for one. What was that experience like? I know Chandler's a very laid back guy so it's enjoyable, but I guess can you kind of tell us how the last eight holes were?

PIERCESON COODY: Yeah, Chandler's laid back, but he's a competitor. So when we were out there, he was -- I mean, I don't think we talked at all the last 12 holes or so. We could see the leaderboard, there are a lot of leaderboards out here, and we knew that it most likely was going to come down to us unless Parker or someone finished like birdie, birdie, eagle or



something incredibly good, and we still would have had a chance to win.

We were really focused. Chandler's a good buddy that I've known -- I think he's three or four years older, but played a lot of junior golf with him growing up.

Yeah, it was intense. The position he's in, that I was in, we knew even like a top 3 almost guaranteed the Tour card, but it's hard to keep thoughts out. And I commend him for going for it on 18 trying to make the eagle because we were talking with his caddie, his caddie wanted to go for it and he kind of talked Chandler into going for it and he still made par, so I'm glad it worked out for them.

Q. My last question, if you look back the last 12, 13, 14 months, off to a very hot start, win in your third start and then it was kind of up and down. How gratifying is it now knowing that you're almost surely going to be on Tour next year?

PIERCESON COODY: I don't have words. I've never been a PGA TOUR member, so it hasn't sunk in yet. I was fortunate to play seven events out there this season and just see what it's like, and obviously it's incredible, it's the dream.

I've said for a long time coming out of college that my goal is to play on the Korn Ferry and get through here to the PGA TOUR. I was close last summer. Just obviously extremely happy to be going in the right direction.

Q. The Coody legacy is clearly well established, of course your grandfather, '71 Masters, you're getting to go there for a full season. I mean, what's it like to be able to continue a legacy of golf excellence?

PIERCESON COODY: It's really cool. He'll text me just to believe in myself, you have the talent, stuff like that, and he'll be the first person I call after all of this. I mean, he, I guess, gave golf to our family. My dad played professionally and now Parker and I are pursuing professionally. It's just, I mean, I guess he gave everyone in the family a gift, a goal.

Yeah, to tell my grandad that I'm going to be on the PGA TOUR, it's been the goal my whole life. Yeah, it's just crazy.

Q. And lastly, you said yesterday you had that hot start through 3, cooled off and only ended up a couple under. You said if you can play the way you did tomorrow as in today you would be where you wanted to be. How would you grade today's round?

PIERCESON COODY: I'd give myself a B-plus, A-minus just because of how well I handled it. It wasn't the score I wanted to shoot, I certainly kind of gave away some birdie holes, but bogey-free was one of those things that was a big goal of mine. I knew if I went bogey-free, I knew I'd be in the tournament the whole time.

So the way things fell, they somehow got these greens a little firmer and I knew it would be



playing tough on the back nine where the pins were. I don't know, I just kind of, I played a lot better on Thursday, I played a lot better on Saturday, but it's not about how perfect you play at times. I'm just glad 25 was the right number.

