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ROUND 4 QUICK QUOTE
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TRACE CROWE (-25, won 2nd playoff hole)

Q. Trace, you are a Korn Ferry Tour winner. How does it feel?

TRACE CROWE: Like I'm still in shock right now. It feels amazing just to have family and friends here. Just all the hard work the last few weeks to finally pay off, it feels amazing, yeah.

Q. After your triple on 2, did you see this moment coming?

TRACE CROWE: I knew I had a long path to get to this point. No, I never gave up. No, I love these positions, so I never was going to quit. Just keep trying to make birdies and hopefully I can get to this spot.

Q. Stepping onto 18 you had a two-stroke lead. You kind of heard the roar of the crowd as Patrick made eagle. Did you know what he did there and did you know that he tied it up?

TRACE CROWE: Yeah, I did. I didn't know if he was 22 or at 23, but then it was confirmed that he just moved to 25. Yeah, I just knew I had to make birdie. I end up hitting the wedge short a couple times. Yeah, no, got in a playoff, yeah.

Q. How were the nerves over that putt here on 18?

TRACE CROWE: Which one?

Q. The first one in regulation.

TRACE CROWE: Oh, I honestly, I did a good job of -- I didn't even think about the second putt, I was just trying to make it to win. Just happened to be great speed and it was an easy tap-in, so it was stress free to get into the playoff. Yeah, no, I was just trying to make it, yeah.

Q. Walk us through I guess the first playoff hole. Obviously Patrick's going for it every time.

TRACE CROWE: Yeah.



Q. Tell us a story about why you did the layup.

TRACE CROWE: Yeah, so the wind was into on 18 and the second shot was just a bad number. I had my 6-wood and 2-iron, I needed my 3-wood. Didn't have it today of course. Yeah, so I had to just keep laying up. It was a bad number and it stinks sitting there watching him just rifle 2-irons at the flag every time.

Yeah, no, it paid off this second playoff hole. He got unfortunate in the bunker. Yeah, no, yeah, it was good.

Q. Why wasn't that 3-wood in the bag today?

TRACE CROWE: For coming into par 5s like this, I just was 10 yards shorter than I thought I was going to be each time. Yeah, I didn't -- I thought it was going to be the perfect number and it just wasn't, so we had to just keep laying up.

Q. And then the final playoff hole, just kind of walk us through that hole altogether and just how you're feeling.

TRACE CROWE: Yeah, I pulled it left off the tee. I thought it was going to kick into the fairway and still be fine, but it hung up in the rough.

Pat hit another great tee ball just way down there and I knew he was going to go for it, so I just had to go out to the left, lay up. I had a nice angle, hit a good shot to like 15 feet. Then Pat hit a pretty, you know, I thought a good bunker shot like he was going to get pretty close. There was just a lot of sand, I guess, where he was at and he just got a little bit under it. Kind of unfortunate break, and I got lucky.

Q. The club switch, was that into today or into the week, or did you switch your lineup before today?

TRACE CROWE: I switched it after Friday, yeah. It was good yesterday, but today it wasn't so much. It worked one of the days.

Q. What's it like in your mind after making that triple, like back to that, you're walking off that green, what are you thinking?

TRACE CROWE: Just straight back into chase mode. I've got to make a ton of birdies to catch up to these guys because people out here are playing so good, they're just going to keep making birdies. That was my only thought, just keep hitting good shots and just relax and enjoy it.

Q. Just being a Korn Ferry Tour winner, what does that mean to you, that beat this field and all these players?



TRACE CROWE: It's a crazy feeling. It's been a long, tough, interesting season. To be standing here, like I said, it still hasn't sunk in. I'm just blown away just how good everyone is and I feel like I just played unreal the last couple days.

Q. What's it been like just having the Barstool stream, and can you speak to just that kind of product and giving these fans the ability to consume the product in this way?

TRACE CROWE: Yeah, no, I thought Barstool's great. They have such a big following and they could really -- I listened to some of the commentary and it was really good. No, they can bring a lot of juice to this tour, so I think it would be great if they started doing this a lot more.

Q. Have you followed any of their stuff or listen to any of their podcasts?

TRACE CROWE: Yeah, I listen to Pardon My Take, I listen to -- yeah, pardon my Take and I've been following them forever.

Q. Trace, we met you on this tour last year in Bogota and it was your first time flying out of the country. Now you've done a whole round out here and you're back again. What does it just mean if you look back at that time in Bogota to now?

TRACE CROWE: I would just say relax, it's a long season, just don't get too up and down with every round of golf. So easy to get down out here when you're traveling and you're not playing well. I'd just tell him to just relax, it's going to come together.

Q. And then you got engaged last month. Your world's kind of turning. How does that feel to you and just this moment, too?

TRACE CROWE: No, the engagement was awesome and I'm excited for that next part of our lives. To get a win out here is awesome. It's been an awesome few months, yeah.

Q. How often did you refer to that bracelet today?

TRACE CROWE: I still complained, but I still try not to as much. It helped, yeah.

Q. On No. 2, say, when you're looking for the ball?

TRACE CROWE: Right. Yeah, no, it's always a good reminder, yeah, just to relax and take it in.

Q. You talked about struggling earlier this season, how long this season has been for you. Getting this win today, what does that do for your mentality just knowing like hey, you've gone through this tough season but you are good enough to compete, not only compete but win out here?

TRACE CROWE: Yeah, no, it's a real question, you really never know. Everybody's so



good and you've got to keep the pedal down every round. No, yeah, I'm happy with the rest of the season, the more tournaments we got, just try to get that Tour card.

Q. Is that the next goal for you?

TRACE CROWE: Yeah.

Q. To keep climbing to get that Tour card?

TRACE CROWE: Yeah, that's absolutely what it is, yeah. Just keep trying to play good, head down out here and just do the right things, it will work out.

Q. Are you planning to play every event for the rest of the season?

TRACE CROWE: Yeah, playing them all.

Q. Trace, did you ever picture at the beginning of the year that you would now be playing for a PGA TOUR card?

TRACE CROWE: No, not with conditional status. I mean, well, you really never know with how many starts you're going to get to now be in a position where I can possibly do it, yeah, it's a dream come true really.

Q. And you didn't consider that until probably now?

TRACE CROWE: Yeah, no, the exact moment when I heard I moved to 36, so yeah.

Q. There's never actually been a defending champion here and you're going to be the first one.

TRACE CROWE: What's that?

Q. There's never going to be a defending champion here.

TRACE CROWE: Yeah, exactly, we want to be at the next level.

Q. The Friday morning in Huntsville, you're on the range, could you kind of paint the picture of that scene, just what that scene was like?

TRACE CROWE: Yeah, no, we had the craziest weather week of all time in Huntsville. It kind of worked out great for me. I was first alternate and I was just like this tournament just keeps getting pushed back, someone's just going to leave. That's what happened. I'm on the range and I get a call saying you're in. I just, I was so excited to play. When you're excited to play, you're usually going to play good. Yeah, no, I took advantage of that and set me up for the rest of the year.



Q. How rare is that just to, I guess, on a Friday morning not knowing you're in a tournament and then getting in?

TRACE CROWE: Yeah, no, it's not a position you want to be because you never know when you're going to go. You're like out of your routines and everything. No, it's not fun being in that position at all.

Q. And then so you get the call, in a way it's like obviously you want to play well, but in a small kind of weird way it's like a bonus?

TRACE CROWE: Right.

Q. Because I don't have really anything to lose because there's a realm I didn't get in this tournament, so just to have fun?

TRACE CROWE: Exactly. You're just like, all right, you're in this event, just go have fun with it.

Q. I have a question about just this event. What would you say is the most important putt you made today?

TRACE CROWE: The first playoff hole, the birdie putt. I had a great read on the first in regulation and knew exactly what it was doing. Then just had to execute at that point and hope I got the right bounce and it went in. That putt was massive. I don't think he saw that one going in. he was probably planning just to lag that up and tap in and win. I think that probably threw him for a loop.

Q. Having a similar putt in regulation and having to face it again, did you use that first read to your benefit on the playoff hole?

TRACE CROWE: Yeah, no, for sure. I mean, I was trying to knock it way closer than that with a wedge, but just happened to be in the same spot and I knew what it was doing.

Q. Is it nice -- obviously you're playing -- but the broadcast team, they don't know the whole example but they're giving you a lot of crap for laying up.

TRACE CROWE: Yeah, yeah.

Q. So what's just knowing that --

TRACE CROWE: I mean, that's fair, I would have been doing the same thing to the person who kept laying up, you know. I just didn't have the club to go for it and I just didn't want to, yeah, have to career shot to get it to the green. Yeah, no, that's funny. I'm happy they did that, but now they know why I wasn't -- at least I wasn't just laying up.

