

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTE
August 5, 2023



DANNY WALKER (-19)

Q. Danny, two eagles today, 8 under. How was your third round?

DANNY WALKER: Yeah, it was good. Just got off to a great start there the first few holes. Got in a nice rhythm with my ball-striking, felt like I just kind of continued the momentum from yesterday. Yeah, just a good round from tee to green.

Q. How about the whole week in general? Just obviously playing great. Walk us through what's going right for you, the course, anything like that.

DANNY WALKER: I'd say probably the biggest thing was just starting to drive the ball better probably a few weeks ago and then kind of -- last week I was driving it well but I wasn't hitting my iron approach shots very well, which is normally my strength. So it's just putting together the iron play and the driving finally.

Q. How does it feel to put yourself in contention heading into Sunday?

DANNY WALKER: Yeah, it feels great. That's right where you want to be at the start of the week. Yeah, just excited to go have fun tomorrow and see what we can do.

Q. I want to talk a little bit about your career, how you got here. So you turned pro 2018?

DANNY WALKER: Yep.

Q. Played Canada. You won out there and then you won Q-School; is that correct?

DANNY WALKER: Yeah, yeah.

Q. I guess kind of explain your career. I know that you played out here, you went back to Canada, won again, that's how you got out here this season. But in your own words, how would you assess your pro career as a whole?

DANNY WALKER: Yeah, so in 2018 got off to a good start out of school playing in Canada and at Q-School. I just had a lot to learn. I think my first year out here in 2019, like I played a lot of good golf but just didn't -- like missed a lot of cuts by just a couple shots. I played better than I got out of it. 2020 was hard with COVID, kind of we were all off and I was, you



know, I took a little bit of time away from the game, especially at the end of 2021 I took like two, three months off, like didn't play at all after missing Q-School in 2021. Then kind of started last year, I felt more excited to go play golf again. I've been enjoying it a lot more the last year and a half or so. It's as much of that as anything else, just actually enjoying what you're doing.

Q. I was looking through like your records and stuff and from 2020 after March up until you went back to Q-School again, I couldn't find anything. Did you just go work another job? Did you just stop playing golf altogether? What did that look like for you?

DANNY WALKER: At the end of '21 after I missed at second stage, tough, I missed a couple short putts and missed by a couple shots at the end. I was trying to figure out what I was going to do. I considered getting a job like just since I wasn't playing. I literally waited tables for a couple weeks at a Bahama Breeze, so that was kind of good character building, I think. I did want to go back to the golf course, that's for sure.

Q. The last time you were on Korn Ferry Tour it was kind of like after your win on Canada, obviously a great finish at Q-School. You got a win at Canada last year and you're back here. Is there anything that you told yourself, like OK, this is another opportunity, another chance? Like how did you enter this season? What were your expectations, hopes? How were you feeling having been here before?

DANNY WALKER: I felt more ready this year for whenever I would get opportunities. Like unfortunately I missed at final stage last year by two shots, so I didn't know what I was going to get into at the beginning of the year.

Yeah, just committed myself to going, playing good golf wherever I could play. I played a lot of good golf this year, just haven't really got anything out of it yet. Made most of the cuts I played, just finished kind of 40th or so, which doesn't really earn you much points. So you've got to convert good play into top-10s to really move up out here. Yeah, feel ready for it though.

Q. What has it been this week that's allowed you -- like you said you've been finishing top 40 or whatever, but what has it been this week that's allowed you to put yourself in contention for tomorrow?

DANNY WALKER: I think some of it was just readjusting mentally to playing out here. Like it is a little different than Canada, there's just a little more going on around you. Yeah, like there was a couple tournaments, like Greenville was one, for example, where I played really good for three days, just had a bad round on Saturday. Just kind of finding my comfort level I guess like being around the lead out here again. Yeah, just took a couple times.

Q. So going into tomorrow, like what are your thoughts? Just trying to play the same way you've obviously played the last three days, but are you trying to think about it



much or are you just like, hey, let's just go out and play another round? How are you feeling?

DANNY WALKER: I think that's what you have to do, especially in a week like this where scores are low, you don't know what guys are going to do. Yeah, there's too many birdies out there so you can't really leaderboard watch, you've just got to go play, make as many birdies as you can and see where that puts you at the end of the day.

Q. When you took a break from golf in '21, was there a possibility of not coming back?

DANNY WALKER: Yeah, there definitely was. I was kind of 50/50 on it for a little bit. Kind of around Christmastime, I spent a lot of time back home with my parents around Christmas. Yeah, I think some of it was probably doing that waiter job was like -- not that that was something that was going to be something long-term anyway, but it was like, OK, I just, I really want to go play golf now.

Q. If you didn't come back to golf, do you know what you would have done?

DANNY WALKER: Not for sure. I have a degree in economics, so the easiest thing would have been get into the finance world. That doesn't necessarily excite me that much.

But I was also thinking about going back to school and getting a different degree. Like I always thought if I hadn't been playing golf, I would have done something more on the science side like physics or engineering. So I was thinking about doing that. Yeah, just feel like I needed to keep playing golf.

