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ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTE
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JEFF OVERTON (-7)

Q. All right, Jeff, 7 under opening round here. Talk about your game and how was it out there today?

JEFF OVERTON: It was awesome. Anytime you play that you make almost every putt you look at, it's going to be a good day. It was fun. Kept it in play really well.

I didn't really know what to expect. I worked with my teacher, Craig Harmon, last week and changed my grip a little bit. I was like worried where the ball was going to go, but it was working great. I got back to kind of sling hooking it a little bit more and it was a lot of fun out there.

Q. How was that stretch of three holes, you went birdie, eagle, birdie there. Just walk us through how those holes were and what that eagle was like.

JEFF OVERTON: Yeah, I mean, I hit a 5-iron in on the one hole into like 15 feet and made it. Then hit a -- the only fairway I missed all day, I just barely didn't cover the bunker and it wound up getting a great break, I was in the rough but on the upslope. Hit a hybrid in there like 25 feet and poured that one in. Then just one of those days. It seems like the golf gods are either with you or they're not.

Q. You mentioned the grip. Would you attribute, I mean, this incredible round to that or what else can you pinpoint of the success today?

JEFF OVERTON: You know, I think my game's been so close. I've been home the last several months. I play really well at home and I hit the ball pretty straight. I think it was great to get on a golf course that really set up well, you really have to hit the ball straight here. So getting on a golf course that really measures that, it was a lot of fun.

Q. I know you're coming off like seven missed cuts in a row, but how does it feel to come out today and do what you did?

JEFF OVERTON: It feels great. I mean, with the back it's been an uphill battle, up-and-down battle. It's not exactly been great all year, but I've been making the best of it. And it's exciting to finally have a good Round 1 and be in kind of the mix of it, but there's a lot of golf left. Keep getting it in play and keep making putts.

Q. Yeah, with the back, I mean, what's the recovery process continue to look like?



Does it feel almost back to normal? How has it been for you?

JEFF OVERTON: I don't know if it will ever be completely back to where it was, but it is what it is and just make the best of it and continue to move forward. The game, there's a lot of facets to the game, so it's just keep grinding away and, yeah, see what happens.

Q. And it is your lowest opening round on Korn Ferry Tour. Any comments about that?

JEFF OVERTON: Yeah, I'm excited, all right.

Q. Just a couple follow-ups on that. You've been on the comeback trail essentially since last year following your back. To follow up on Hagan on your low round today, did it feel almost normal, because you've been close, right? You say you've been close. Your changes last week helped. Did it kind of feel like, oh, yeah, I remember this, I remember this feeling having this great opening round?

JEFF OVERTON: I mean, it's definitely good. You've got to come out and get off to a good start. I mean, there's three rounds left and just got to keep not getting ahead of ourselves. My caddie said don't even take the interview until Sunday.

Q. Oh, no! I'm glad you did.

JEFF OVERTON: Whatever. It's fun, it's exciting.

Yeah, kind of out of nowhere competitively anyway. As I said, back home I've been playing pretty good golf, hit the ball pretty straight and putt good at home.

It's hard. I think people don't realize how hard it is to come to golf courses a lot of times for the first time and really get comfortable on them. And then not to mention like really know the way the greens break and the little caveats, per se. You know, it was nice you got on a tighter golf course. Nobody's ever really seen this place, maybe not quite as comfortable. I kind of was able to take advantage of the first round.

Q. Talk about you said you got comfortable with this course really quickly when you were practicing. Was there something that just caught your eye or just that suited your game when you were practicing, getting ready?

JEFF OVERTON: I'm hitting it shorter than I used to, but I hit it a lot straighter probably than I used to. It's just a really good, got to keep the ball in those 40-yard gaps and I was able to do that for the most part every hole pretty much. So you do that, you're going to have a good chance at the end of the week. I always said if you keep it in every fairway and make every putt inside seven feet, you're going to have a pretty good turnout. See what happens.

Q. Real quick, actually, Jeff, we're entering Playoffs season on the Korn Ferry Tour



next week. PGA TOUR is in Playoffs season. You've seen both, you know both. What's the difference between the two and kind of like what's the pressure like out here versus what you're seeing in FedExCup Playoffs and that sort of thing?

JEFF OVERTON: You know, I haven't really played -- I guess I did last year. It was different last year than it is this year. It's totally -- out there it's kind of, in way it's freewheeling because once you're in there, you're let's see how far up the leaderboard we can go, whereas out here people are really fighting for their lives, they're fighting for their careers. You make that little extra hump.

I would imagine last few weeks are a little more interesting, but I think at the same time it's pretty much most of those guys are pretty. Set, it probably only happens to about 10 or 15 of those people that really feel the heat of it and those are kind of those guys in that mix of it. For me, I just come out here and just go have fun.

