

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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DANNY WALKER

Q. You've put yourself in a great spot through two days. How have you been playing out there?

DANNY WALKER: Yeah, I've been playing well, especially yesterday was a real solid round. Today was a little bit more of a struggle. I think I only hit like three or four fairways. It was just really hard to get birdies going out there with the way the rough is out there.

Still was a good round, and 17 and 18 were just playing tough, and of course I bogeyed the last two. Still feel good with my game, so just looking forward to going for it on the weekend.

Q. Back to first stage, you had to shoot a really good final round just to make it there, and then obviously you played as well as you did second stage to get here. What have been the emotions of this stretch run that you've been on? Obviously you've had success at Q-school before and kind of making another run this year.

DANNY WALKER: Yeah, it goes from -- went from a lot of stress to a lot of relief between kind of being a little bit close to getting through first stage, then finishing medalist at second stage.

I feel probably less stress this week than I did at first stage because I have those slots locked up for Korn Ferry next year, so this week I can just play with nothing to lose and enjoy the moment, enjoy the opportunity

Q. For the first time in a long time this year there are PGA TOUR cards on the line. Did you have your eye on those cards or are you just realistically looking to grab whatever you could and working from there?

DANNY WALKER: I think you can't even get that far ahead. When you're starting at first stage, you're not thinking about a TOUR card. I'm just thinking about what do I need to do to play well this week and make sure I get through to two. It didn't really cross my mind until I got through to second stage, and then you start thinking about that.

It's in the back of my mind now for sure, but I've got nothing to worry about this week, so whether I finish sixth or 100th, it doesn't really matter that much, so just go for it

Q. Is that maybe emblematic of the last two holes, the water with the 18th hole there, just kind of going for what you can?



DANNY WALKER: No, I didn't play aggressively there, I just didn't hit great shots. 17 is a tough tee shot with wind off the left, water off the left, and I don't really draw the ball with my driver. Just hit a good drive and still ended up with a tough lie in the rough and made bogey, and same thing with 18. I was just hitting a long iron off the tee and I mis-hit it. Unfortunately missed a short par putt.

There's no reason not to play aggressively on the weekend. Looking forward to it.

Q. Can you tell us a little bit about -- I guess you took a job as a server or something a couple years ago.

DANNY WALKER: Yeah, that would have been about two years ago. I took a few months off from golf after missing at second stage in 2021. I wasn't really doing anything. I didn't want to go play golf. Needed to make some money on the side. I wasn't ready to go take a full-time job. I did that for a few weeks and hated it, so I immediately got back on the golf course.

Q. What was the worst part about the job that made you hate it?

DANNY WALKER: Well, not being on the golf course I would say was the main thing. I mean, it's tough work. You've got to down so many things in your mind. You're kind of go, go, go for eight hours straight. You don't really get a moment to just relax and collect your thoughts. Any customer service job is tough work.

Q. Was it one of those things where with golf you kind of had to force yourself to miss it for a little bit to really kind of reset and appreciate it a little bit more?

DANNY WALKER: Yeah, I had to be sure it's what I wanted to do because I was kind of driving myself nuts with it at the time. I wasn't enjoying it, wasn't really happy on and off the golf course, so I had to take a couple months off, make sure, okay, this is actually what I want to do and not go in another direction.

Thankfully got through that and was able to commit myself more after that.

Q. You talked earlier about having nothing to lose. Can you think of another event before this week where it was kind of a similar feeling, or is this -- with this format is it kind of unprecedented?

DANNY WALKER: I would say to this degree, no. I remember the first time playing that way would have been like the Tour Championship on the Canadian Tour in 2018 where I at least kept my Canadian Tour card, but honestly finished like first or second, I wasn't really going to gain anything. I ended up playing that way, and I won that week. That's what got me on the Korn Ferry the next year, so trying to replicate that same mindset this week.

