

THE BAHAMAS GREAT ABACO CLASSIC

ROUND 3 QUOTES

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SAM BENNETT (-6)

Q. All right, Sam, 3 under today, I believe 6 under your first three rounds. How are you feeling I guess first start of the KFT here?

SAM BENNETT: Yeah, it's nice. My first Korn Ferry Tour event, excited to be here in the Bahamas. We've had some really tough conditions and today I played really good on the front, took advantage of the holes, the downwind holes. Then on the back out here you're just kind of holding on. No. 11 through 15 are all into the wind. Made a double and then a bogey and then was able to make three in a row to kind of fight back and give myself a shot going into tomorrow.

Q. How has the wind affected you? Some players are convinced that they enjoy playing in the wind, thinks it gives them an advantage. Is it one of those for you where it's a challenge or do you kind of soak it up and make the most of it?

SAM BENNETT: Yeah, I kind of soak it up. I like the -- every tournament I hope the wind blows. Got to be creative, hit different shots and keep the ball in front of you.

Yeah, I'm just happy to be in contention, you know, come the final day. It's been since last February I've had a chance to win a golf tournament so I'm excited to find myself in the heat of things.

Q. Obviously the goal every week is to win. First Korn Ferry Tour event, did you have any goals or expectations this week coming in?

SAM BENNETT: Yeah, no, I just wanted, yeah, a win. That's about it. And have fun here in the Bahamas.

Q. How has the Bahamas treated you so far? Obviously it's a gorgeous place to be. How's your week been?

SAM BENNETT: Yeah, it's been great. The course is awesome, the water's blue and my host family this week's been real supportive and helped out, so thanks for them making my stay pretty enjoyable here.

Q. Your first start, also it's Walker Lee's second start. Obviously college teammates. What's his game like? He's brand new to us, like what's --



SAM BENNETT: Yeah, Walker's great. He was my roommate in college for just over two years, so we're really tight. Hope he finishes strong coming in. He's great. I'd say my game fits these conditions good and probably fits his even better. He's really creative, can flight it down and he's got a lot of shots. It would be fun if we get paired together tomorrow.

