

## TOTALPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP AT ATLAS COUNTRY CLUB

### ROUND 4 QUOTES

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DEREK HITCHNER ( -12)



**DEREK HITCHNER:** Great experience. Would have loved to play a little bit better today. I mean, I was in a position and then probably made a poor decision on 16 and then I just hit some poor shots unfortunately down the stretch ball-striking-wise.

Yeah, it's great being in contention. It's been a couple times now in the last few events I've played in. I feel like I'm getting closer to being able to finish the job. Yeah, just couldn't quite do it today, unfortunately.

**Q. Playing out of the final group adds pressure in any tournament. What have you taken away from your experience this weekend playing with Jose, a guy who's got experience here? What can you take away from that into the rest of the season?**

**DEREK HITCHNER:** Yeah, yeah, it's invaluable to just get experience, learning kind of how you react in those situations and that atmosphere. Yeah, I feel like I learned a lot today, I love playing with Jose. Yeah, I think we were tied with four to go. I'm grateful that I had a chance to do it, but hopefully next time I'll get the job done.

**Q. What are some of the biggest positives that you're going to take away from this weekend as a whole?**

**DEREK HITCHNER:** Yeah, I'm proud of how I was able to be in the mix without feeling like I was really striking it great. I think that's a good takeaway just because it doesn't have to be flawless to be in contention, and if you kind of manage it well and get the ball in the hole where it needs to, then you can give yourself a chance. That's kind of how I would characterize this week. It didn't feel like my best, but I was able to still give myself a chance.

**Q. In your own words, how impressive is it to come out here -- in Jose's case, come out on this course and win three consecutive years in PGA TOUR-sanctioned events?**

**DEREK HITCHNER:** Yeah, that's outstanding golf. It's incredibly impressive. It's fun watching him play, it's really fun watching him manage the course and his game. Yeah, he's super pleasant to play with. Yeah, huge fan of his. It was awesome watching him get the job done and obviously hopefully I can do it next time.

**Q. Obviously first two weeks of the year, two very different golf courses. What have you learned about your game and how to tackle the rest of the year from these first**



**two weeks?**

**DEREK HITCHNER:** Yeah, already seems like it's really important to adapt as well as you can because my takeaways are conditions are going to be a lot different based on whichever country we're in. Yeah, just finding ways to just kind of reset each week and adjust to whatever the course brings you is important. Obviously it was a significantly different test this week. Yeah, just adapting, just being really cognizant of what the course requires of you and trying to do that.

