

ROUND 4 QUICK QUOTES

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AKSHAY BHATIA (-20, won playoff)

Q. Along with Denny's birdie barrage there and then the back nine?

AKSHAY BHATIA: Yeah, it was crazy. He played unbelievable. I played really solid today, I just -- you know, I just got beat today and I played great. I was drawing back on the putt I made at Barracuda to win, it was a very similar putt. I knew what I had to do and I think it helps a lot.

Q. Did you feel like your composure was staying in check despite that he was sneaking up on you?

AKSHAY BHATIA: Yeah, it was hard. You feel like you're kind of losing, right? You're losing the golf tournament. This guy's making a ton of birdies, I'm not making any mistakes and yet, you know, I was tied for the lead going into the last. I missed that putt on 17, which stung, but that's kind of just something I'll learn from when I feel that again.

It was awesome for him, hats off to him. He's going to win soon.

Q. And heading to Augusta now, what are you feeling about that?

AKSHAY BHATIA: Yeah, it's cool. It's a dream come true. I didn't know what to expect this week. This is just kind of a week where I played a couple times and I was a little more comfortable, I think. I wrote on my wrist today "W-T-W," which is wire-to-wire. Just kind of pictured a straight wire from the first hole to the 72nd hole and I just tried to really stick to that, and my caddie did an awesome job reminding me of that.

Q. As the first player to win after coming out of the Drive, Chip & Putt, what did that do for your development, kind of help you out here and kind of get the Masters on your radar?

AKSHAY BHATIA: I mean, every kid dreams about going to Augusta National whether you're a patron, whether you're a player, caddie, whatever it may be. Just being able to go there and feel the aura of the place at such a young age was awesome. I'm looking forward to going back. I know the Drive, Chip & Putt was today, right? Yeah, so I was watching a little bit of that. Just seeing those kids get a little upset by missing the fairway, they don't realize how amazing that opportunity is for us. Yeah, it was awesome.