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RYAN GERARD (-21)

Q. Just take me through the finish down the stretch there, a couple birdies to close it out and give yourself a pretty good cushion going into tomorrow.

RYAN GERARD: Yeah, I just tried to stay patient all day. You know, when you get back-to-back par 5s, that's a rarity and you've kind of got to take advantage, so it was nice to hit a couple quality shots on both of those holes. I didn't quite hold the green, but left myself in a good spot, just kind of tried to do that.

No. 18 was a bonus, hit a perfect shot off the tee and it ended up just a money number so I could make a nice full swing with a wedge and just got it to go. So whenever you can get a couple to fall coming down the stretch, especially in the afternoon when the greens get a little bit tougher, you always take 'em. Just trying to keep the same attitude for tomorrow because I know we'll be late again.

Q. How big of a difference is like a three-stroke lead versus a one-stroke lead aside from just the obvious kind of stuff?

RYAN GERARD: Yeah, I mean, at the same time like you kind of know with a three-stroke lead you don't have to be perfect but you still want to go out there and just one shot at a time, keep doing your thing, focus on what's gotten you to that point. You don't really want to change anything strategy-wise until you kind of get to a point where you're playing to almost at the very finish if something weird is happening.

For the most part you're just going out there with the same thing, but just knowing you don't have to be 100 percent perfect. It's not like you're chasing someone down and you need a little help from the other guys. You have the opportunity to go just do what you need to do and if you're out in front, it helps.

Q. In Panama you were leading going into the weekend and kind of had a rocky weekend there. I mean, is there anything in particular that you took away from that experience or anything you learned about yourself that weekend?

RYAN GERARD: A little bit. I mean, Panama, it was a long time ago. I felt like I played good, I think I was in second place, solo second with like five holes to play. Just had a couple missed short putts kind of coming down the stretch.



I've been working really hard, my game's been solid. I feel like it's kind of coming to that point where I'm starting to see the results that I want to see instead of just the process being right. I'm just going to stay patient, trust it and just have fun tomorrow and whatever happens, happens.

But I'm sure that if I trust my process, the result will be just fine.

Q. What's the biggest thing that's like clicked this week compared to say like the last couple months or so?

RYAN GERARD: Been doing great on Thursdays and Fridays, man. I think I've been in the top-5 or the last group almost every single time on Thursday, Friday recently, or after Thursday, Friday.

I went out there today just knowing that I needed to just trust myself and I have a good process. My caddie and I, we've been on pretty good terms. Played well at the U.S. Open sectional this Monday. Just really going out there trying to just stay within myself and not get ahead of anything.

I mean, you don't want to -- it's hard to not think about the end goal sometimes, but when you're out there if you can just kind of remind yourself just one shot at a time, just trusting it, that's all you can do every single moment.

Q. Do you feel like part of it, too, like you talk about just the weekends, like are the setups like different enough that it makes a difference, too?

RYAN GERARD: Yeah, a lot of weekends, especially when you do long days, twosomes, everyone off No. 1 tee, by the time you get to 1:00, 2:00 in the afternoon, the greens are getting a lot firmer, they're not quite as pure because 60-some guys have walked all over them, a lot of spike marks, a lot of imperfections, pitch marks, whatever it might be. You do kind of see that change. Maybe the ball that hit the edge and lipped out might have gone in on a more pure morning.

The weekends tend to be a little bit windier, tend to be hotter, tend to be difficult. You just kind of know going in that that's what you get. You've just got to go out there and trust it and deal with the conditions that you played in.

It's a privilege to play late, it's not a burden is kind of what I've tried to remind myself. If you're playing late, you've earned the right to play late and you've got to go out there and just trust it, getting to that point is good enough to get you across the finish line.

Q. And of all the things that could come with a win, what do you think is the one that you would be most excited about?

RYAN GERARD: I think winning in professional golf is really hard at every level, whether it



be PGA TOUR, Korn Ferry, Americas, mini tours. Just kind of putting your name at the top of the leaderboard at the end of the tournament is a special and rare occurrence in golf.

My goal this year has been to get back to the PGA TOUR. I played 20-some odd events out there last year. I played well enough to retain my card, but the conditional membership that I had just you don't get to retain it, you have to go earn it.

I know I belong out there, I know I can play out there. Just getting one step closer to being back out there is kind of where I want to be. A win's great, would love to do it, but we're just going to focus on just one shot at a time. There's a lot of golf left between now and the end of the year. There's not a whole lot of rush for anything

