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RYAN GERARD (-26)

Q. Ryan, what a decisive six-shot win. I saw that sigh of relief. How would you describe your emotions getting your first victory on the Korn Ferry Tour?

RYAN GERARD: It's pretty special, it's pretty unreal. I didn't really know how many shots I had until 17 green, so when I saw that, I kind of figured I could get in the house from there. It was cool to go bogey free on the weekend.

Q. You looked dialed out there yesterday and today. Some people may say it looked easy, but it definitely wasn't easy. What were you leaning on in your game just to take some of that pressure off today?

RYAN GERARD: Just was hitting it well, that makes everything easy, but just really tried to stay positive. Marcus, my caddie, was really helpful to me all week and my putting was really, really solid inside six to eight feet where you need to make some of those come-backers. Just stayed patient and got it done.

Q. You had conditional status on the PGA TOUR last year, you're looking for that card this year. How will this win just play into the momentum for the rest of the season?

RYAN GERARD: Wins are cool, a lot of points, so just got to keep chugging along. Goal is to get that PGA TOUR card back, so just going to keep grinding and hopefully it will stack up well at the end of the year.

Q. Ryan, can you describe the feeling right now of having won, gone through everything and know that it's kind of a real thing?

RYAN GERARD: It's pretty cool. I don't necessarily know if it feels totally real or set in yet. Yeah, it's cool, it's awesome. I'm glad to finish on top, it's a great step towards next year trying to get a PGA TOUR card. I'm just really excited that the game's kind of coming around in the right spot and I could stack up four consecutive really good rounds and just finish it off with a pretty decisive one coming down the stretch here.

Q. I know you're big on not getting ahead of yourself, but you had a comfortable cushion for most of the day. Was there like a particular moment, shot, like hole where you looked over and felt pretty good about where you were at?



RYAN GERARD: I had no idea how much I either had a lead or how much ahead I was until 17 green, there's a leaderboard there.

I knew I was up by quite a few at that point and figured I could get in the house from there, but no, we were just really trying to stay focused in the moment, one shot at a time, not getting ahead of ourself all day. It's easy to catch yourself slipping. It's a pretty cool carrot at the end of the rainbow if you get it done and it's easy to start thinking ahead and not doing what you're supposed to do. You've kind of got to catch yourself at some points just kind of lock back in, focus, refocus and just kind of keep plodding along.

Q. When did you find out your dad was coming in?

RYAN GERARD: He told me last night. He had to be here. So I'm glad he came and means the world that he got to be here to watch it. Yeah, thanks for coming.

Q. Did you guys get to spend any time together this morning? I know he flew in this morning.

RYAN GERARD: No. I didn't see him until I was like walking to the range. Yeah, it will be pretty cool tonight, it will be special. Got some family right down the road, we'll have ourselves a nice little time and then be back at it tomorrow.

Q. And what made sort of that moment walking off the green and seeing your dad so emotional?

RYAN GERARD: He's been here for everything. My mom, too, but she can't be here. Just, he got me into golf. I wouldn't be where I am without him. He taught me everything that I know from a young age and he's been there for everything. It's been tough, it's been great, it's been up and down, but he's been there 100 percent of the time.

I didn't want to cry, but it's just real special, man. He means a lot to me, my mom means a lot to me, and it's just surreal, man. To play a game for a living, and I love it. They've done everything they can, they've sacrificed so much for me to get where I am at this point. I'm just really excited that we're seeing results. It's special.

Q. And then just looking ahead, I mean, the obvious stuff with the points, I know you're chasing a Tour card. Have you thought about any of that and what this win does for the goal that you set at the beginning of the year?

RYAN GERARD: It gets me closer. Yeah, I mean, every shot matters, every point matters, everything matters. This is some sort of job security, which is nice. I'm just excited to win. It's hard.

It's always great to finish with your name on top of the leaderboard, but the goal is to get that



PGA TOUR card. The goal is to get there and this puts me in a good spot coming forward, and I feel like my game's in a good spot to keep trusting it and keep climbing.

Q. And what are you looking forward to the most now?

RYAN GERARD: Sleeping. It's been a long week. Played a lot of golf on Monday and all week was stressful. Be a little tired, kicking my feet up, get some rest and be back at it next week, so looking forward to it.

Q. How are you guys going to celebrate later?

RYAN GERARD: I have no idea, haven't thought about it. We've got to drive to Charlotte, so we'll figure it out then.

