

COMPLIANCE SOLUTIONS CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 2 QUOTES

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COOPER JONES (-12)

Q. Cooper, good first two days here in your first Korn Ferry Tour event. What's been your thought on your experience and your play in your first event?

COOPER JONES: Yeah, I mean, obviously the goal was to make the cut. I think I'll be OK on that. Yeah, it's been good. I'm glad to be out here for my first one and playing well.

Q. Did you have expectations coming into this week? You earned the opportunity to play. What were your thoughts coming in?

COOPER JONES: Honestly, I don't think I gave myself much expectation. I think I wanted to make the cut. I had the last tee time on the first day and I was waking up and looking at the leaderboard, saw some guys 3 under through three, 6 under through eight, I think that kind of was the mindset where it's different in college where you've got to be all gas the whole time. So that helped me just get off to a birdie-birdie start and I kept going. I haven't been super nervous and I kind of expected a little nerves, so that's good. It's all gas.

Q. What does that make you think about your game out here? Playing with a bunch of professionals and seeing that you can put up the same scores as them, just what does that do for you?

COOPER JONES: Yeah, it's good. I feel like the last year since I've been in college it's kind of been my question is like what do I need to do to get better and to that level, Korn Ferry, PGA TOUR level. Now, these last two days, it's kind of made me realize just sharpen everything up and more mentally just be aggressive, be smart, roll the putter good and you'll be set.

Q. And the Pathway to Progression with the Bridgestone Invitational giving you this opportunity, what do you think of events like that that give players like yourself an opportunity to get into events like this?

COOPER JONES: Yeah, obviously I wouldn't be here without the PGA TOUR Pathway to Progression. Yeah, any college event that you can get a Korn Ferry exemption for winning is awesome and a good opportunity.

Q. Through into the weekend, probably an afternoon tee time tomorrow, what are the thoughts now going forward into this weekend?



COOPER JONES: Yeah, nerves might start rolling in as I get close to the top of the leaderboard, but like I said, I think it's just all gas. I'm playing well. The driver's a little shaky, the putter's really good, mid irons are really good. So I think I'll hit a few balls on the range, see if I can straighten out that driver a little bit, keep playing how I am.

Q. You played a practice round with Daniel Summerhays earlier this week?

COOPER JONES: Yeah.

Q. Is there anything that you're able to apply like mid competition that he advised you on?

COOPER JONES: It was mainly just course knowledge. I've been around him enough, he's kind of just an example, too. He grinds, he hits the ball well, not a big hitter so that's something I can kind of compare. Yeah, he hits his irons really well, he putts it really well. I think he's been top 5 on strokes gained putting on the PGA TOUR before, so just kind of the example, and mimicked my game kind of after him and just play well. I think he's all gas. I don't know how he's playing today, but he played well yesterday.

Q. Have you gotten any texts from any of your teammates or coaches back home yet?

COOPER JONES: Yesterday I got a few just saying heck of a round for the first day. I'm sure my phone's going a little bit more ballistic today, but we'll see.

