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Q. Freddie, congratulations, your second start as a professional. How are you feeling right now?

FREDERIK KJETTRUP: Good, yeah. I knew I was a couple shots clear and I walked to 16 tee and I see Matteo close to 20, so I was one off that. Yeah, definitely a little bit of frustration on the back nine, a couple putts that were close that didn't drop. Yeah, felt good to birdie 16 and 17 to go to 21 and good par on 18 as well to post 21.

Q. And walk me through that putt on 17.

FREDERIK KJETTRUP: Yeah, so obviously I knew I had two holes to go and I was tied, so I knew I would like to make a birdie somewhere. Obviously 42 feet wasn't what you would hope for probably, but yeah, wasn't too much break to it, a little bit downhill, a little bit right to left and put a good roll on it and it went in.

Q. You had a couple of close ones throughout the day. Just talk to me about your mentality.

FREDERIK KJETTRUP: Yeah, so been putting good both rounds at Pinehurst, putted good three rounds here. Been getting a lot of strokes on the putting over those five rounds. So yeah, I still feel like I put a lot of good rolls and reads on them out there and they were just like a smidge off that didn't make 'em go in.

So yeah, it was just still trying to do what I have been doing even though it's hard when they don't drop. It's easier to say just keep doing what you're doing when they drop and hard to do when they don't, but at the end of the day I was just trying to give myself a couple looks and hopefully I could make one go in eventually.

Q. And like you said, before we talked to you five days in a row now, was that the expectation at the beginning of this week?

FREDERIK KJETTRUP: Again, I think I said in one of the other ones it's hard to know going into -- I mean, first time playing on PGA TOUR Americas, so it's hard to know the level of the competition. You're just really trying to go out and test the waters and see where your game stacks up. I had a good week and I know I can compete out here.



Q. What have you learned in your second week as a professional?

FREDERIK KJETTRUP: A lot of adulting, big change from college and amateur careers. Yeah, excited for it. Obviously it's what I've been dreaming forever since I was a kid. Yeah, just excited for the next couple months ahead.

Q. And you had someone with a Denmark flag out here. Talk about what that means to you.

FREDERIK KJETTRUP: Yeah, it's just cool to see. I mean, I don't even know how many thousand miles I am away from home, so it's just cool to see the flag. I got to -- got a little bit early to the first tee today, group ahead was still teeing off and I just looked to the side and I see two people just standing with a Danish flag. That was definitely special. Yeah, made it seem a little bit easier probably I guess.

Q. You're a tournament winner now, so just talk about your goals for the rest of the season.

FREDERIK KJETTRUP: Yeah, I'm really just trying to grind my way through to Korn Ferry, that's the goal for this season. Obviously this is a really good start for that. I don't even know how many tournaments are left, but still a lot of golf to be played for the rest of the season.

Q. And you got here through PGA TOUR University. Just talk a little bit about that program.

FREDERIK KJETTRUP: Yeah, PGA TOUR University is a great opportunity for anyone in college right now. It's completely changed the game. Yeah, it goes without saying I wouldn't have been here without PGA TOUR University. Obviously I would have to do Q school or something like that, but it's a good stepping ladder for me from college ranks going into professional life. I mean, I can't emphasize how much that means to everyone in college right now.

Q. You had Florida State teammate Brett Roberts here. What has he meant to you?

FREDERIK KJETTRUP: It just made it easier again. I think I roomed with him for about nearly every event during college. We're just trying to do that again. Obviously I didn't room with him this week, we had two different host families, but we still had basically lunch and dinner every day together. Just made it seem a bit more like college I guess in a way because it's what we've been doing for four years now. Yeah, definitely good to keep me a little bit grounded throughout the week.

Q. You talked about how your brother got you into the game. What was that when you were younger coming up to the PGA TOUR wanting that to be your dream?

FREDERIK KJETTRUP: Yeah, obviously that's a long time ago, I was about 9 years old



when I picked up the game. Back then it was all just for fun and one day you figure out you kind of have some talent. Obviously, yeah, I probably wouldn't have played golf without him starting and having his friend getting me and my friend into playing golf, so fortunate about that.

Q. I just looked it up, you're almost 8,000 kilometers away from Copenhagen, 2:45 in the morning there right now. What's the process for connecting with family after this big win?

FREDERIK KJETTRUP: I haven't really seen my phone too much after the round, but I would almost assume that my mom and dad would definitely be up even though they have to work in the morning. Knowing them, they'll definitely be watching. If not, many of the people will wake up in the morning in a couple hours and I'll still be awake here, so in a couple hours it will definitely be morning. Like you said, it's nearly 3:00, so in about three, four hours I'll still be up and people will be waking up back home and my phone will be blowing up again probably.

Q. What does it mean to you to share this victory with them?

FREDERIK KJETTRUP: I mean, it's huge, it's all part of the dream obviously to play professional golf and (inaudible) part of the pathway to the Tour obviously.

Q. Just going back to that 42-footer on 17, everyone's been raving about the greens here this week. When you put that roll on it, at what point did you have a feeling that this was headed right in?

FREDERIK KJETTRUP: I definitely knew like halfway it was on the right line of what I had the read to be. Again, about five, 10 feet out I had a feeling that could go in, but still it was kind of like just right center it went in, so it was still like you were still anxious a little bit trying to see if it actually went in or lipped out or anything. Yeah, definitely good to see that hit the flag and the bottom of the cup.

Q. How key was 16 for like getting back on track, getting that momentum, that last push at the end, because you put it within two feet?

FREDERIK KJETTRUP: Yeah. So again, like I said, I crossed the green here on 18 going to 16 tee and I see Matteo, I see he's at 20 and he has what looks like a 10-footer or so. I know he didn't make it, I saw that, but (inaudible) but I just had a feeling if he posts 20 now, I definitely have a target to try to reach. In a way it almost frees you up a little bit because, you know, not defending -- defending is a bad word, I think, but you still know you've got to go out and put your foot down, like I said yesterday in the interview, to get to the lead again. It freed up a little bit and nice to birdie 16 and 17 after that.

Q. I'm not sure if you know, but your college teammate John Pak also won on the Korn Ferry Tour.



FREDERIK KJETTRUP: Yeah, I saw he had a seven-shot lead after Round 3. Obviously playing somewhat at a similar time, but it's huge to see him as well pull through. Obviously played really good in college, he had eight wins in college. Has been struggling a little bit I guess it's fair to say since turning pro, but good to see him finally playing the way we know John Pak can play golf. That's really cool to see and I'm excited for him.

Q. What's your favorite memory with John in college?

FREDERIK KJETTRUP: I mean, John was just, he's really good to everyone coming in. He was a really good teammate. Don't really have like one specific memory, but just like he was really kind coming in. Like it was a big difference me coming in from Denmark, I didn't really know a whole lot about college. I come in and John Pak is the best player in the world at that point, the best player in college golf and you would almost think like that one guy could be too good to talk to you or be a teammate or whatever, but it was never anything like that. He was always a great teammate, good support and he was there for me through thick and thin.

Q. Do you have a message for John right here?

FREDERIK KJETTRUP: Congrats, John. Proud of you and you definitely deserve it.

Q. There's a saying "golf happens." How do you keep a level keel now? You go from a high, golf happens, you go to Edmonton, anything can happen. Such a mental game week to week. How do you keep on an even keel?

FREDERIK KJETTRUP: Yeah, it's definitely hard to back up a win. Again, like you always hear people say it's hard to back up a 7 under or something like that. Again, I think it goes for a win, it's always hard to back it up next week.

But I have another week of tournament golf ahead of me before a break, so just trying to go make it count and play golf and hopefully I can play something like I did this week.

Q. What are your parents, mom and dad's name and their spelling?

FREDERIK KJETTRUP: My mom is Hanna and my dad is Orla.

