

MEMORIAL HEALTH CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 2 QUOTES

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JACKSON BUCHANAN (-10)

Q. Jackson, another 5-under 66 today. Was today kind of similar to yesterday? What did you think of your game today?

JACKSON BUCHANAN: I thought today was honestly completely different. I hit it relatively bad after the first six holes and scrambled up and down for par more often than I would have liked. That's why they give you a putter and a wedge. It was fun, though. It's great to be out here.

Q. Both days you got off to really quick starts. Does that kind of help settle the nerves a little bit?

JACKSON BUCHANAN: Yeah, it settles the nerves, but it's just a mental battle, like don't get too far ahead of yourself. You get comfortable when you get under and you hit some errant shots. It's just a mental battle really. But it definitely, it frees you up a bit.

Q. You talked a little bit yesterday about goals coming into this week. You made the cut and you're putting yourself in there for the weekend. Just what are your thoughts on that?

JACKSON BUCHANAN: It's great. Just one shot at a time. Obviously I'm already seven shots behind the lead, so it's going to take an unreal weekend to get up there. Just to be T-9 right now, probably T-20 at the end of the day in a Korn Ferry event, my first one, is a good start. Just shot by shot right now really.

Q. And you've had some good support the last two days, and there on your last putt you got some cheers at the end. What's it been like the last two days?

JACKSON BUCHANAN: It's been awesome. On 17 I made a long putt for par and they were screaming, and 18 I made a good one, so it's been cool. I've seen them roaming around, but to hear the I-L-L chants is just, it makes it even better let alone just being in a pro event.

Q. What's kind of the mindset like when you're competing in college but also competing on the Korn Ferry? Is it the same?

JACKSON BUCHANAN: College is way, way tougher, I think. You're playing for your boys, your university. Out here you're kind of just playing for yourself, so takes some pressure off,



but it's still golf. I love golf, it's kind of why I'm out here. I always get nervous every tournament, but better players play better with nerves, so kind of taking it as it goes.

Q. And do you think there's any big difference from the first day to the second day, and what are your goals for the back half of the tournament?

JACKSON BUCHANAN: Yeah, good question. First day you kind of go out with almost zero expectation. Then today you come out, you know the golf course is not tough but you have to drive it well in spots. Today felt like a little more pressure, but like you said, getting off to a good start kind of freed me up a bit there at the start.

Q. And then the first goal, obviously make the cut?

JACKSON BUCHANAN: Yeah.

Q. Now top-25 to get into next week. Was that on your mind coming into the week?

JACKSON BUCHANAN: I wouldn't say it's on my mind. I know that's the case, but I was just trying to hit good shots to committed targets. I kind of struggled today with the irons, but this course can kind of let you do that sometimes. I wouldn't say that was the expectation or thought, but it's nice to be in that position now, for sure.

Q. You qualified for the U.S. Open, you played really well in the regional to get into the U.S. Open. Did that give you any momentum? I know when I talked to you then you were kind of like, oh, I didn't have the best finish to my season, but now you did that and you're playing really well out here.

JACKSON BUCHANAN: Yeah, I'm still learning a lot. Shooting 70 in the second round of the U.S. Open and beating 130 guys in the U.S. Open in that second round kind of upped my confidence a lot just knowing those guys are just like me in a way. But definitely a confidence booster coming into this and knowing I can compete any given week.

