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ROUND 2 QUOTES

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PETER KUEST (-11)

Q. Just highlights of the round today?

PETER KUEST: Kind of just did a lot of stuff really well. Started off birdie-birdie, which was nice. Just gave myself a lot of looks throughout the day. I'd say the big highlight was holing out on, what was that, 6., yeah. It was really nice after making a bogey.

Q. How far was the hole-out on 6?

PETER KUEST: 20 yards. I was in the front bunker there and splashed it out and it went in.

Q. How different was the course this afternoon compared to the morning when you played, and it's probably a little cooler in the morning?

PETER KUEST: I mean, a little bit, but the only difference is the wind. But I didn't think it got too hot out there. It definitely didn't feel like it was 100 just with the wind, which was nice. It wasn't too bad. It could have been worse, it could have been 100 with no wind.

Q. What would you say you like about this place?

PETER KUEST: I like playing at elevation. I live in Utah so I'm used to elevation. I don't know, I just like it. Greens are awesome, fairways are great, rough's tough. I think it's just a good test of golf.

Q. And 18, I mean, is that one of the tougher holes that we see out here on the Korn Ferry Tour, do you think?

PETER KUEST: Yeah, definitely. Yeah, it's definitely a really tight tee shot. Then like if you miss that fairway off the tee it's kind of just a layup because the rough's so thick around the fairway landing area. Yeah, I think it's a really great finishing hole, 17 and 18 are really good.

Q. What's this year been like for you after spending most of last year on the Tour, not able to get that status back but going through Q school? What has the whole kind of last year and a half been like for you?

PETER KUEST: Yeah. I mean, last year I started off with no status. I mean, I had a little bit of status out here. Tried to get some sponsor exemptions but just for whatever reason fell through. I ended up Monday qualifying on the PGA TOUR and earned enough points to



keep playing and played 15 events out there.

Then I went to Q school, didn't do too well. I think I finished around 136 on the points PGA TOUR-wise, but because I technically wasn't a member, I didn't earn any of those benefits. So I got the first four starts. Just was whatever, didn't play too well coming out of winter. Then Monday qualified into Valero, top-10, top-10 in the Dominican Republic. Yeah, now we're here.

Q. Has it been challenging? If you were to describe it to somebody, how would you describe it?

PETER KUEST: I mean, it is what it is. You know, it's definitely tough when you feel like you've played well enough and do some different things to where you should have some status somewhere and then you come out here and you basically have no status. It's definitely tough in that regard. But each week's a new opportunity and just going to try to make the most of it.

Q. And making all those starts on Tour last year, what was the biggest thing that you took away from that experience that you've brought kind of here with you this year?

PETER KUEST: I'd say just I have the game to play up there. Shoot, I have more top-25 finishes on the PGA TOUR than down here, so yeah, I don't know what it is. I don't know. I like the PGA TOUR.

Q. What are you looking forward to the most this weekend?

PETER KUEST: Just getting out and playing some golf and trying to fine tune my process and hit some good shots. Just give ourselves looks throughout the weekend and see what happens.

