

## EXPLORE NB OPEN

### ROUND 4 QUOTES

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IAN HOLT (-26)



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#### Q. How's it feel?

**IAN HOLT:** Great. I don't really have a lot of words. This is my first pro win, especially after the last three weeks, just refreshing my phone nonstop. Yeah, it's awesome. It's a shame that we didn't get to battle it out for the rest of the day, but I'll take it.

#### Q. (No microphone.)

**IAN HOLT:** Just stay aggressive. I mean, John was playing good and he came out firing. I was just, really just trying to stay in the moment and just try and keep doing what I was doing the first three rounds because it was working pretty well. Again, I shot 8 under, 9 under, 9 under, and I was like, well, let's just try and shoot 10 under on this round and that was kind of the mindset.

#### Q. (No microphone.)

**IAN HOLT:** Honestly, just kind of keeping it in play. I hit my driver really well and was really confident with it. I made a lot of putts, made a lot of putts from 12 to 20 feet. I didn't really hit a ton super close. and I took advantage of the par 5s. I think I only made one par on the par 5s, which is huge.

#### Q. (No microphone.)

**IAN HOLT:** At the time it didn't feel like it, but yeah, I definitely feel like my birdies this week kind of came in waves where I would go (inaudible) all of a sudden I'd make three or four in a row. It's just kind of how the week went and just kept riding that momentum.

#### Q. (No microphone.)

**IAN HOLT:** Yeah, mentally it was one of the rougher months I've had. The six months leading up to it after the Korn Ferry season were tough just trying to pick myself back up and get back to being in the mindset of, you know, thinking and believing that I can do this, what I did today.

Yeah, the last three weeks were brutal, they were brutal, especially being kind of by myself making all these last minute travel arrangements. Yeah, it was tough. It all paid off now.



**Q. (No microphone.)**

**IAN HOLT:** Yeah, for sure, for sure. I didn't play my best and that was tough to not play well at the wrong time, but definitely now that I have the taste of it, I know I can compete out there.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**IAN HOLT:** Yeah, I definitely feel comfortable up here. A lot of the courses are kind of like the courses I grew up on back in Ohio. Yeah, I like it up here. Hopefully -- I like it up here, I don't want to stay up here for my whole life, yeah, no, it's good.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**IAN HOLT:** Yeah, man, he was on fire. I mean, if he missed a green, he would chip it to a foot. I think he made -- every time he hit a green he made a birdie, so it was definitely a battle. I didn't feel like I was playing bad, I just wasn't really hitting it close enough to kind of compete with him. I'm glad it ended up the way it did.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**IAN HOLT:** I don't know if it was at the front of my mind. I was definitely aware of it, but I felt pretty in the moment with what I was doing and I really wasn't worried. I knew he was going to play well, he's been playing well. I played with him for, what, 30 some or 20 some holes up to that point so I knew he wasn't going to just lay down and kind of let me have it.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**IAN HOLT:** Great, it feels great. Yeah, I'm very, very happy.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**IAN HOLT:** Yeah, very relieved. Huge weight off my shoulders, for sure.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**IAN HOLT:** Yeah, for sure. I'm just going to try and keep riding what I'm doing and definitely not looking to keep off the gas pedal.

**Q. You mentioned (inaudible) what are you thinking of at a time like this?**

**IAN HOLT:** My wife, No. 1. Definitely the last couple years have not been -- I'm sure they haven't been easy on her just how I've been playing and maybe how I've been off the golf course just kind of bleeding into that. She's amazing and I'm so happy to have somebody like her with me.



And my parents and my family and my sister, they're blowing my phone up right now, just so happy. Put a lot of work into this and I haven't done it alone, so it's great to be able to share that with them.

