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ROUND 4 QUOTES

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BAREND BOTHA (-26)



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BAREND BOTHA: I mean, end of the college career in a good way, won conference. Then going to Q school (inaudible), and then now it was even better, so yeah.

Q. Going from last week, your PGA TOUR Americas debut to this week, getting your first win, I asked you this yesterday, going into just playing in the final group today, is this something that you expected to do right off the bat?

BAREND BOTHA: I was pretty confident. Swing felt good, everything felt good. Head space was good. Stepping up on that first tee I was pretty confident to make birdie on the first hole. Didn't happen, but smoked one on the second and then made a good birdie. Got right in it. The adrenaline started going and started feeling good.

Q. Anyone watching this week saw that you played four very confident, very solid rounds of golf. Take me back to your college career, your golf roots where that confidence, that ability to go out (inaudible), where does that come from and how do you harness it to come out here and play your best?

BAREND BOTHA: I love competing, so playing in this, it's just phenomenal, it's what I've dreamed of my whole life. Coming out here and flag hunting feels great.

Q. Going from South Africa to Ohio to now playing up in Canada, what are some of the biggest differences that you've noticed from each place and how has that helped you become a better golfer and in your words allowed you to hunt a little bit more?

BAREND BOTHA: I would say every single golf course is different. Over the four years that I spent in college, it allowed me to learn how to play different golf courses and how to manage properly on the golf course. Coming to Canada, again, different golf courses: This week greens are phenomenal same as back home, same as Inverness, so putted great and I was very confident on the greens.

Q. Was there a point this week whether it be early week or in tournament play where you're walking around the course and you can just feel like I have an opportunity to win this golf tournament?

BAREND BOTHA: I mean, I try to stay in the present as much as I could. Maybe a few yesterday that slipped away from me that I was thinking a little bit ahead, but overall I think I



managed to stay in the present pretty well.

Q. We've gone back to the 18th hole a few times. Same thing you did on Thursday today, you were able to execute. Knowing you had a chance to win the golf tournament stepping up to that tee, what was the conversation between you and your caddie like?

BAREND BOTHA: Coming off of 17, I hit one in the fairway, front left flag. My playing partner hit it six inches from the hole and we were like, OK, let's answer. Then stuck it in there close, made birdie.

Then the walk to the 18th tee, it was up there, it was definitely a full send all the way. Got the line and then just sent it.

Q. (No microphone.)

BAREND BOTHA: No, I didn't know. I didn't really want to know. I stepped up to the ball in the fairway and I asked my caddie, I was like, what do you think it's at right now? He said, I don't know but it doesn't matter, just make a confident swing, hit it on the green and we'll go from there.

Made a confident swing to the middle of the green, got up there. I tried not to look at the leaderboard. He said let's just hit a confident putt, if it goes in, it goes in. If it's short or if it misses, then make the next one.

Q. Did you know when you got (inaudible) or were you (inaudible)

BAREND BOTHA: From his reaction I knew that we won, but other than that, no.

Q. Tell me about your caddie.

BAREND BOTHA: Yeah, he's one of my good friends from back home. He's got an American passport, so it was very easy for him to come over and caddie for me because he didn't need a VISA. I've played a ton of golf with him, he knows my game inside and out. He just kept me in the present, made me commit to every single shot and just believe that I could do it.

Q. (No microphone.)

BAREND BOTHA: It feels great, it was amazing.

MODERATOR: (No microphone.)

MAX GREYSERMAN: Max, M-A-X, and Hansen, H-A-N-S-E-N.

