

UTAH CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 1 QUOTES

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RYAN HALL (-9)

Q. Ryan, 9-under 62 today, nice round. You got it started early with the eagle. Just talk us through that and how that set you up for the rest of the day.

RYAN HALL: Yeah, I did. On the Korn Ferry Tour, you've got to get off to a good start, right? So parred my first hole, went eagle-birdie, 3 under through three. That's kind of what you need to do on this tour to feel like you're not pressing for birdies.

So getting off to a fast start helped me to feel I guess more comfortable under par and feel like I'm in a good spot for the rest of the round.

Q. What's been your experience this year? You started off with conditional status and played yourself into a lot more starts this year. What's that been like for you?

RYAN HALL: A grind, stressful. I only had two starts probably guaranteed, I Monday qualified twice. Luckily, I've shuffled my way up to now I'm in every event now.

Yeah, to be honest with you, I'd love to play on the PGA TOUR next season, but keeping my card out here wouldn't be too bad, either. My back's a little bit against the wall, but I'm ready for it and I feel like I'm prepared to win on this tour.

Q. You mentioned that the goal is always the PGA TOUR, but keeping your status is a big deal out here.

RYAN HALL: Yeah.

Q. As we're coming down to the Finals here, do you feel kind of -- does it change your mindset going into each week as we're getting closer to the Finals and through the rest of the season?

RYAN HALL: Yeah.

Q. Where are you at with that?

RYAN HALL: Yeah, it has. I'm gonna have a big finish coming down the stretch, but I think more than anything, we've played so many weeks in a row now with only one week off, as you start to get a little more comfortable, less nervous and it's more of like just out here, it's business, it's your job so you're just doing your job, right? I'm a little more comfortable now



than I was earlier in the season and I'm prepared to win because I need to be.

Q. Have you learned anything throughout this season in either how you prepare or maybe about your game?

RYAN HALL: No, not really. No, I feel like I'm good enough to win on this tour and play on the PGA TOUR. Even though I missed a ton of cuts this year, that hasn't changed, my belief in myself hasn't changed. Today is gratifying and it's satisfying, but there's three more rounds of golf left. You've got to keep the pedal down and keep believing in myself.

Q. How do you think the course might change going out tomorrow morning instead of afternoon like today?

RYAN HALL: The greens will be smoother. I felt lucky to make as many birdies as I did on those greens, they're bumpy. Tomorrow they'll be smooth. It's poa annua, right, so poa annua grows faster than bent, that's why it gets bumpy in the afternoon. Everybody knows that. It's no disrespect to this golf course, this golf course is great, but it is what it is. Hopefully I'll have some smoother greens tomorrow, maybe a bit quicker.

