

UTAH CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 2 QUOTES

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KARL VILIPS (-13)



Q. Karl, 9 under today, what were some of the highlights out there for you today?

KARL VILIPS: Had it rolling early, made a lot of putts, got it going with a 25-footer on 1, which was nice to see go in after yesterday, didn't make a lot of putts. Hit a couple drives close to the green, which was nice.

I think highlights of the day were my second shot on 8 out of the left rough. It was obviously a tough hole and to get out of there with a birdie just obviously kept the momentum going.

I would say the eagle on 14, just two really nice shots in there. And to make the putt after a little bit of after wobbly bounce, to see it go in was nice. And then 18 was also really nice to finish with a birdie.

Q. Just talk about how the course fits your game and just what are your thoughts on it, first time playing it?

KARL VILIPS: Yeah, I think it fits my game well. Got to drive it well, put it in the fairway. It is a course where it feels like you should take advantage of it a lot, driving it close to the green. I'm just thinking of me and my caddie are doing a good job this week of picking the spots where I attack. There's definitely, found out yesterday, some spots where you can get in trouble.

It's nice. Wedges into a lot of the greens and just a lot of 7-woods off the tee, which I love.

Q. Early now in your professional career since turning pro, you had some really good success, a couple of events Americas, three events out here. Did you see this coming, or was this something you kind of expected to play well out of the gates, or are you kind of surprised yourself how well the results have been so far?

KARL VILIPS: Yeah, I think you obviously want to come out here and play well. I'm just coming out and playing my game. To see the results I'm getting is nice just to see where my game stacks up with some of the best out here.

I've had this question a lot. Like the goals and everything, they've obviously changed. To see what I can do out here with my game at the moment's really nice because some days I don't hit it well and I scratch out like a 2 or 3 under, which is a lot better than what I was doing before I came into the Korn Ferry Tour. To see that progress is really nice.



Q. You said goals kind of changed. What were your goals coming out of school and where are you kind of at now with everything?

KARL VILIPS: Yeah, goals coming out of school were to get my Korn Ferry card through the PGA TOUR Americas, and obviously played two weeks there. Then since I've been on such a nice run here on the Korn Ferry with my (indiscernible) on the points list now, it's just let's go get a Tour card. A good result this week should go a long way.

Q. Since turning pro and leaving school and everything, what's been kind of your favorite part of this summer so far? Doesn't have to be necessarily golf. What's been good for you?

KARL VILIPS: Traveling to some sweet courses and some sweet places. I think TPC Colorado to kick it off was awesome. Colorado's one of my favorite states, if not my favorite. It's so beautiful. Even out here with the backdrop of the mountains, it's just tough to have a bad time. You have such great scenery and all the courses are so nice.

Q. Is there anything about becoming a pro that's kind of caught you offguard or you didn't expect, whether it's lifestyle or something you didn't expect when you turned pro?

KARL VILIPS: Probably I think the thing that I least expected was how much it would -- how much the toll of playing so much would take on my body. Like week four now, starting to feel it a little bit. I have to do a little extra work before the round, post-round recovery. You've just got to be really disciplined with that stuff because the day-to-day process has to be really spot on so you're ready to go every day.

Q. Nine under today, tied the low round of the day with Matt McCarty, who was the first tee time of the day. Did you expect to do that this afternoon? I know it's been playing much harder each day.

KARL VILIPS: I didn't expect to shoot 9 under. I had a score in mind, just better than yesterday hopefully. I wanted to get to 10 after today's round. Nine under was nice to see. Had a couple things go my way, double on 10 kind of shot my chances on that like 59 watch early. I was definitely conscious of where I was at the whole round. I mean, (indiscernible) for 29, didn't do that, so maybe that's why like (indiscernible) frustrated, but 9 under was really nice.

