

UTAH CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 3 QUOTES

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SAM CHOI (-18)

Q. Sam, 8 under today, you got off to a hot start to begin the round. Just walk us through today, what was working well.

SAM CHOI: Yeah, I mean, I hit some great shots today, playing with Zac and Sam Bennett, it was probably like a feature group. I was very excited and kind of nervous playing with those guys. I started pretty fast, three birdies in the first three holes. I mean, yeah, it was like everything was just out there. Hit some fairways and hit some good shots and I made a lot of good putts today.

Q. What's this week -- you put really solid rounds together, you probably put yourself in contention going into tomorrow with how the course plays as well no matter how the rest of the guys finish. What's it like -- I know the season's been up and down a little bit -- just being able to put this consistent golf together this week?

SAM CHOI: Yeah, I mean, I'm actually very proud of myself. The last three rounds, you know, I was -- I mean, obviously I played some good golf, but there's a lot of ups and downs. My caddie actually did a great job keeping me in a positive attitude throughout the weekend and still one more round. I mean, it's an exciting moment knowing that you're in contention and one good round tomorrow will put me in a good spot.

Q. How's the season been? You bounced back a little bit before between here and Americas. What's that kind of toll been on you going between the two tours and, you know, just getting starts where you get 'em?

SAM CHOI: Yeah, I mean, it was definitely a grind out there. I'm always checking the PGA TOUR Links portal, am I in the field, am I not, you know. It was exhausting.

Then I was fortunate to have some status out there on PGA TOUR Americas. It's a great tour, and I played a couple before this one and I knew my game was pretty solid and pretty much got the last-minute call to here and here I am.

Q. Sometimes results haven't been there this year. Where do you feel like your game's been at this year overall?

SAM CHOI: Yeah, definitely I struggled pretty hard beginning of the year. You know, it was just, it was there, but I was putting too much pressure knowing that I have to play good all the time but then really is not, just stay patient and just got to enjoy the moment. Finally I'm,



you know, feel a little comfortable out there on the golf course. Yeah, I've been enjoying the moment.

Q. What do you feel like it will take tomorrow with how this course has played this week to come out with the win?

SAM CHOI: Yeah, I mean, definitely birdies. Birdies are out there, so you've got to keep knocking on the door, but you've got to stay patient. You can miss a couple birdies the first three, four holes, but lots of golf out there, very gettable par 5s and hopefully make a couple clutch putts coming in tomorrow.

Q. You mentioned, too, some early struggles this year, but I feel like talking to you off the course and stuff you always seem like in a good mood. How do you feel like you're able to kind of stay positive even when the golf's not always there?

SAM CHOI: You know, I mean, golf, it's my job, it's our job, but then at the same time, you know, you're going to be doing this for 40, 50 years and I don't want to bring a bad attitude to my lifestyle.

I'm always a happy guy, I love throwing jokes with my buddies. You know, it was tough, but I have really good people around me. That really helped me to put me in this position right now and I'm very thankful for them.

Q. Who would you say those people are?

SAM CHOI: My family, my dad especially. He was on the bag early in the season and he's in Korea right now, but I've been talking to him every night and he's like, you know, son, you're doing some good stuff. He's always on the positive side. And my mom, yeah, a lot of great people, yeah.

Q. Also seems like you've been getting some good support out here this week. What's that kind of been like having the crowds behind you out here?

SAM CHOI: Yeah, I was pretty surprised. It's just me and my caddie and my other buddy, it was a threesome all the way and then all of a sudden I've been hearing a lot of "Sam Choi, go Choi." I felt very supported, and I like Utah.

