

ALBERTSONS BOISE OPEN

ROUND 3 QUOTES

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ALDRICH POTGIETER

Q. Why don't you walk us through some of the highlights, including a couple chip-ins.

ALDRICH POTGIETER: Yeah, it was great seeing some results kind of finally putting up on the scorecard that I knew I was able to get. I think it was three chip-ins. Some of them were lucky and then some were pretty decent. It was just a great round. Some up-and-down spots in the round, but otherwise it was pretty solid.

Q. Can you remember a day when you chipped it as well as you did today?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: No. No. I can't remember when I chipped in multiple times in a round. I still left -- I think I missed two or three up-and-downs still during the round. I kind of was up and down with that side.

But I'm hitting the driver a lot better than I was the first two days. I wasn't planning I could go at the flags, so that was a big thing.

Q. After Thursday did you think you had a low round like this in you?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: Yeah, I felt comfortable with the course coming in, first time seeing it, and put a really good number on the board. I tried to do the same thing -- yesterday was a little bit slower. Didn't get as many opportunities looking at the holes on the greens. But still shot 3-under. I think it was pretty decent for how I was hitting the ball. I just tried to do the same thing today and just hit more fairways.

Q. You mentioned the result on the scorecard. It's been a bit of an up-and-down season for you after the win. What has come together for you through a couple rounds here?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: Yeah, this week I put another putter in the bag, so I think I'm seeing more results, being more confident with that. It's just taking a little bit more easy these last three, four weeks and I'm seeing more results, kind of good rounds in between, average rounds where I've made the cut, had a good round, and then kind of not stayed there. But still decent results. We're just trying to get out and try and not think about it too much and just try and shoot 8-under.



Q. Brand new putter this week or a previous --

ALDRICH POTGIETER: No, brand new. Put it in the bag on Wednesday. It's been working.

Q. How hard has it been for you to get back to this point where you're going into Sunday with a chance to win?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: That's what we dream of, I think. You don't get that many opportunities because it's so hard on the Korn Ferry. You either play good four days in a row or just have really good, low rounds, three of them at least. I knew I had to play well on this course. It was going to be that 6-under cut, looking like really easy course again going into this week, a bit shorter. It just depended on weather and how firm the greens got.

You could see Quade this morning almost shot 59. That was incredible to see. You kind of know that those scores are available, and if you're going to play well, you should see them.

It's kind of hit or miss going into the week because you haven't played the course, and you're just trying to do your best just to not think about too much and just hit the ball in front of you.

Q. What's been the hardest thing about your first season out here?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: Definitely experience plays a big role, knowing the courses, knowing where to stay. Some of the places we've been at it was like a 30-minute drive minimum. When you've got a 6:30 tee time you're leaving at 4:00. It's hard.

Then you've got an afternoon tee time and you haven't hit a shot for like 24 hours. It's a big adjustment.

And playing so many weeks in a row. Playing as an amateur, you play once or twice a month; that's it. Out here we've played two stretches of seven weeks in a row, so that's kind of the hardest part.

I have a good system with my dad and some of the other guys supporting me, so it's been a nice journey to tag along with them.

Q. What's been the easiest thing about this season?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: When you play well. I guess it makes everything a little bit easier. You can get into a pretty deep hole at times when you're missing three cuts in a row and you see the other guys play well, creep up on the points.



It's hard to stay focused on every week instead of just getting down. It's been great having my dad with me. I think it helps so much to keep my spirit up. That's probably the thing that I've enjoyed the most.

Q. What are you looking forward to the most tomorrow?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: Just kind of playing the same game that I tried to do today and seeing good results. You can't control what the other guys are doing, so all you've got to do is try and pace yourself and not run ahead too much and try and put another good score on the board, play some stress-free golf.

Q. What have you learned about yourself through this season?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: Coming off the win, off the second event, it was kind of a big shock. I had eight starts on the TOUR. I didn't really know where I was going to be in December when I got into Q-school. I was kind of in a bubble where I didn't know what was going to happen next week, what was it looking like. When I got the card and the win on the second event, that was huge. That was life-changing, and no one expected it.

I taught myself that I could be out here. I could be out on the PGA TOUR playing some big events out there, as well.

It's a big thing. Experience is a big thing. It just takes time, and don't try and rush it too much. I think just stay in the moment, hit the shot in front of you.

Q. Matt McCarty will probably be in the final group with you tomorrow. What can you say about how impressive his last six or so weeks have been?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: Yeah, I played with him in Springfield, Missouri, when he won. I think that's the one. I played with him the first two days, and he just didn't miss.

I played with him before the season started, with Mason Andersen in Arizona. Yeah, great guy. He's just a great guy to play with. His caddie is just as funny and he's an awesome dude, as well. So we should have a lot of fun tomorrow. It should be a bit more relaxed if it turns out to be together.

