

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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AKSHAY BHATIA (-11)

Q. Akshay, how big can a putt like that on the 18th hole kind of going into the weekend, saving that par?

AKSHAY BHATIA: I mean, it's always nice. I hit two pretty good shots into that hole, but it's just such a tough shot, the green's so narrow and then you can't get too aggressive with that chip. So making that putt was really nice. I was waiting for a while for it to go in, but thankfully it did.

Q. What worked best for you today out there?

AKSHAY BHATIA: I made some putts. It's not too difficult to hit fairways out here, but feel like I just played solid. I mean, nothing too special, nothing stood out specifically.

Q. How pleased are you with these two rounds? As you said, not playing a lot of competitive golf recently.

AKSHAY BHATIA: Yeah, I mean, pretty excited. Obviously, like I said yesterday, it's just a pleasure to be here, you know, one of 20 guys. Yeah, I look forward to the weekend. Obviously still got some stuff to sharpen up as we all do, but yeah, look forward to having a run at this tournament.

Q. Is this a good time to kind of be playing a competitive tournament while also, as you said, looking to sharpen some things as you move towards 2025?

AKSHAY BHATIA: Yeah, 100 percent. I didn't play really at all in the offseason other than the Dunlap Phoenix in Japan. Like I said, just getting the nerves and seeing how everything feels under pressure is important before the season starts and kind of knowing what I can work on towards the start of Sentry.

Yeah, it's a pretty different feeling for me, I've just never had an offseason. It's a weird feeling because I've never played great after taking a couple weeks off during the season, so I was really happy that I played well at Dunlap and obviously playing pretty nice here.

Q. You mentioned you put a new driver in the bag. Was that today or this week?

AKSHAY BHATIA: This week, yep.

Q. And what differences have you seen with it?



AKSHAY BHATIA: Yeah, I mean, I was playing a three-year-old driver and as I said yesterday, the one I really loved, it failed testing. And then the one I won with at Barracuda was good for that week, the ball doesn't curve that much but still was searching. It's just been a long process for that, just trying to find a driver that fits what we want. The guys at Callaway have put a lot of time and effort for me because I'm, I would say, a unicorn person to fit because my club path is anywhere from four to nine right. There's just not many guys that swing a driver like I do. Just trying to find something that we can keep the spin down but it doesn't go left. It's just a hard balance.

