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SANDY SCOTT



Q. Sandy, a great round today. Just sort of walk me through some of the highlights of the round today.

SANDY SCOTT: Yeah, got off to a good start. I hit the ball really quite well today. I think looking back on the round, going up 18 there, I think I hit all 18 greens, which helps, you know. It just felt pretty comfortable out there.

I worked on some, you know, basic alignment, start line stuff on the range yesterday and that seemed to click really well today.

Yeah, really pleased.

Q. How's everything been first week on the Korn Ferry Tour as a member out here?

SANDY SCOTT: It's hard to complain when you start off in the Bahamas. It's a great place. Weather's great. Yeah, I mean, I think I just feel comfortable, you know. It's a step up from what I've been playing, but I've been looking forward to getting the year started on the Korn Ferry Tour. All in all, feel good about things.

Q. I know it's early, but you mentioned it's kind of a step up for you. What in your mind is that step up from the Americas to the Korn Ferry Tour? Like what about it?

SANDY SCOTT: I think growing up I've seen a lot of these players play, so the caliber of player I think is better and I think the depth is better certainly.

But, you know, at the end of the day it's golf. I'm golfing my ball, nobody else's, so I feel like the focus stays the same. Yeah, I'm enjoying being in this competitive environment, for sure.

Q. How did you land on going to Texas Tech?

SANDY SCOTT: I met Greg Sands, the coach, in Finland at European Team Championships event. That would have been when I was 16 or 17. I went out to visit two or three schools, including Texas Tech.



Honestly, I think the relationship I had with Greg Sands from the beginning was what really pulled me to Lubbock, but so many things I really enjoyed about Lubbock; how sort of easygoing it was and everything was tightly knit. Yeah, I loved it in six years there.

Q. You mentioned you kind of grew up watching some of these guys out here. Who all have you kind of watched?

SANDY SCOTT: Well, I mean, just there's a lot of guys over the years that have been on PGA TOUR back and forth. I've seen them win tournaments on the PGA TOUR and recognize faces. It's just, I guess it's just a cool feeling to show that I'm moving in the right direction. I can't think of any specific names, but it's just pretty cool to walk amongst all these guys.

Q. How long have you kind of been chasing this dream of playing on the PGA TOUR? I know you just recently turned pro like last year, but how long have you kind of dreamt about going to the PGA TOUR?

SANDY SCOTT: I guess golf has always been my main focus as far as sports goes. I played a lot of sports growing up, but golf always seemed to be the one that I really loved and knew that eventually I was going to focus on that at some point.

Probably did start doing so when I was 15 and yeah, I've been driven to be on the PGA TOUR for, yeah, a long time now.

Q. Who are some of your favorites growing up watching?

SANDY SCOTT: Some of my favorites. Well, I guess I was naturally a Tiger fan. Paul Lawrie was a big influence. When I was a junior he really helped me and it was cool watching him play Ryder Cup as a Scotsman. Yeah, I mean, I'm a passionate Scot, I love all the Scots. Yeah, go Scotland, I guess, yeah.

Q. How did he help you?

SANDY SCOTT: You know, him and his -- him and me and his son, Michael, we played junior golf together and Paul would come and watch.

He took me under his wing as far as getting some equipment set up at the very beginning of my junior career. Yeah, he's just been there as far as being a supporting figure. Yeah, can't thank him enough really.

Q. Do you still use any of that equipment today?

SANDY SCOTT: No, I don't think so. Some will be in my house, I think. I may have passed it down to my brother at one point, so ask him, it's probably in his cupboard.



Yeah, I think I had a set of Mizuno irons and just a bunch of random other clubs when I met him and he's like, oh, no, we need to get them changed.

He took me into his facility in Aberdeen and fit me for some new irons. I think I got a new set of TaylorMade irons, some Vokey wedges. Yeah, that was just amazing.

Q. What was that adjustment like kind of moving from outside the U.S. to all of a sudden you're in the U.S. and now you're going to Texas Tech and now you're kind of on a U.S. predominantly based tour? What was that adjustment like at first when you moved over?

SANDY SCOTT: Yeah, I found it really difficult at first, my first two years. A little bit home sickness and sort of necessity to be independent at times. I think I probably -- I learned a lot from those first two years to kind of reach out for help with just anything, you know. Just I don't have to do it by myself and spiral into, you know, whatever it is.

But after those first two years I really started to thrive in the American environment. I love America, it's really like a second home for me, certainly Lubbock is. Yeah, I think I enjoy it. It's a different style of golf than Scotland, but I enjoyed getting to know the different grasses and environments and everything. So yeah, I love it.

