

THE BAHAMAS GREAT ABACO CLASSIC AT THE ABACO CLUB

ROUND 1 QUOTES
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SAM ANDERSON



Q. Sam, 4 under today, nice round. What's been working well with your game out here?

SAM ANDERSON: Yeah, driving the ball's definitely a premium out here with a lot of crosswinds, into the wind. Yeah, I drove the ball nicely today. Gave myself plenty of opportunities from the fairway, which is definitely crucial.

Q. I talked to some guys about the wind out here. How did you feel like it affected you out there?

SAM ANDERSON: Yeah, you're going to get probably, I think we were talking maybe nine holes where it's going to be into the wind and nine holes where it's downwind, so you definitely have to capitalize on the holes that are downwind and just kind of grind it out and battle the holes that are into the wind.

Q. And coming in this year now, you got some starts here on the Korn Ferry Tour after medaling at second stages. What kind of mindset do you have coming in this year even though you have some starts to begin the year?

SAM ANDERSON: Yeah, having starts is definitely great. I think last week -- you never really want to think about just making a cut, but last week making the cut and getting off to a good start for the season's always a positive. Yeah, I mean, great to have opportunities to play out here.

Q. Playing on Americas last year and getting your start out here last week, is there kind of a different feel to those different events?

SAM ANDERSON: You try to make it as similar as you possibly can, which the Tour's done a great job of bringing up the America's Tour to keep it pretty cohesive with the Korn Ferry Tour and Korn Ferry to the PGA TOUR.

Really it's not a whole lot different. Probably a little bit harder golf courses, cuts are not going to be probably -- they're probably going to be pretty close to the same. You just know you have to bring your good stuff every week and make the most of it.

Q. A little time off after Q-School and the start of the season. Did you do anything



between now and then?

SAM ANDERSON: Not a whole lot. Worked on my golf game, saw my coaches. Just made sure that I was rested and ready to get the season off to a good start.

Q. And just what do you think about this course in general? Kind of what makes it a special place out here?

SAM ANDERSON: It's a super fun golf course. It definitely I think needs the wind. I think there's some shorter, attackable holes out here, so the wind's definitely pretty tricky. Green complexes are super fun and cool with slopes and run-off areas. And we're right on the beach, so doesn't get a whole lot better than that.

Q. And do you have a favorite hole out here?

SAM ANDERSON: I don't know, they're all really, really good. I think maybe 7 right along the water there. There's some I think they're called grape bushes along the left side and I think it's a cool looking hole.

Q. Are you staying on property this week?

SAM ANDERSON: I am, yeah.

Q. Have you been able to partake in the tennis courts or basketball courts, anything else around here?

SAM ANDERSON: I try to stay away from the tennis and all those things during tournament week because I don't know where I'm going to be sore. But I've been going into the ocean every day and having two coconuts down by the water and just try to enjoy it as much as possible.

