

**ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES**  
**January 22, 2025**



**LANTO GRIFFIN (-6)**

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**Q. Lanto, 6 under today in the first round. Can you take us through your round, what was working for you, bogey free?**

**LANTO GRIFFIN:** Yeah, it was -- I got a lot out of it. I hit it -- I hit some pretty wayward shots but on the North course you can kind of get away with it. Putted well, had some good up-and-downs. Then kind of got in a groove towards 18 to 1 and 2, started hitting it a little bit better. We had a great group, Andrew and Sigg, we were kind of feeding off each other having a good time, so it was an enjoyable day in a beautiful place.

**Q. Seventh time here, you just mentioned it's a beautiful place. What's your comfort level on this place? It's challenging.**

**LANTO GRIFFIN:** Yeah, this is usually like one of the biggest or most frequent questions we get from pro-am guys is your favorite place on Tour and this is always mine. I love coming here, I love Torrey. Starting on North, it's important to get off to a good start knowing you're going to play South three days in a row. It's nice to have a little cushion, a little momentum going into a much tougher golf course. That was the goal today, hopefully shoot 4 under or better. Was able to do that.

And the tough part's coming. This is kind of the welcome. The first couple weeks are pretty easy to start the year at least and then South course at Torrey's kind of when the PGA TOUR starts showing its teeth. It's an exciting week, fun challenge.

**Q. You mentioned it's one of your favorites. What about Torrey Pines --**

**LANTO GRIFFIN:** I like long, hard golf courses and this is one of them. Thick rough. You've got room off the tee, but hitting fairways is really important. So you can kind of be creative. If you get out of position, I hit a 7-wood from 210 yards today from the rough just 50 yards short of the green. The rough is really good, course is in great shape. It takes kind of everything to play well here.

**Q. Lanto, you shot 63 in the final round of Q-School this year to get full status back this season. After having to go through the pressure cooker of Q-School and coming back this year, what did that final round of Q-School do to maybe give you more confidence in yourself or confidence in your ability to close under pressure?**

**LANTO GRIFFIN:** It was huge. The being on medical stuff, and I was on a medical from surgery for a year and a half, mentally it's tough every week just being in that position.

That ending and then being able to win Q-School and have another full year, you kind of feel like you have life again. Doesn't make it easy, but it's a heck of a lot easier than it would have been if I hadn't had that good final round.

Definitely a little more relaxed in tournament weeks, but the urgency's still there. Trying to look at being grateful to have another year, but also want to take advantage of it, kind of roll over that momentum. Yeah, it's very special to win Q-School and I'm stoked to be here.

**Q. One offbeat question.**

**LANTO GRIFFIN:** Yeah.

**Q. Favorite all-time club and why?**

**LANTO GRIFFIN:** Probably my putter. In 2019 I was struggling really hard putting on Korn Ferry Tour. My best friend came down during the Masters week, we went out and played and I don't think I made a putt in months. I grabbed his putter the Sunday of the Masters, I believe it was when Tiger won, we played early and I made a couple 10-, 15-footers. Ended up taking it out of his bag and I won the next week on the Korn Ferry Tour with it and then won at Houston with it. Six years later, I'm still using it.

**Q. What's the putter?**

**LANTO GRIFFIN:** It's a SIK putter. The company doesn't exist any more. Steve Harrison and Greg Harrison started the company when I was back on the mini tours. It's my favorite putter and still in the bag. Stole it from my best friend and --

**Q. Your best friend is not a Tour player?**

**LANTO GRIFFIN:** No. He's a Realtor in Ohio if anybody needs a house. He's a good player. I gave him one of my other ones and after I won we brought him to Maui as a gift.

**Q. (No microphone.)**

**LANTO GRIFFIN:** No, it's pretty beat up now, but it's been good to me, been really good to me. Yeah, it's definitely my favorite club.