

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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JACKSON KOIVUN (E)

Q. Jackson, nice couple birdies there on the end to make sure you're inside the cut line. Obviously a tough start to the day, but just to bounce back, how important was that?

JACKSON KOIVUN: Yeah, I mean, North course played very, very hard today. The wind and just how crispy the greens got made it a real challenge, especially when you need to hit fairways and then you struggle with that 20-mile-per-hour off the right wind.

But we got our little break, had to call play for wind. Then I came back out and just knew, kind of knew what I needed to do. Hit a really good drive on 7, got on the green, then made a nice putt on 9.

Q. Was that break helpful at all just to kind of center yourself and kind of get back into it?

JACKSON KOIVUN: Yeah, I'd say so. I think the wind was about the same when we got back out, but I think 30 minutes, 30 to an hour off was nice to kind of clear the head space, realize where we're at, what we need to do and get back out there with a new fire.

Q. Did you kind of know exactly where the cut line was going to be at that point?

JACKSON KOIVUN: Yeah, I saw it was between 1 under and 1 over pretty much the whole day. I knew with how the course was playing and there were people behind me that would probably keep going a little higher. I knew that 2 over probably wasn't going to get it, I need to make a couple more birdies coming in.

Q. 18th PGA TOUR U accelerated point, now a couple away, it's within reach this week. How are you viewing kind of that quest right now?

JACKSON KOIVUN: Yeah, I may have been kind of struggling to make the cut, but I'm even par for the tournament and I think 4 under's top-5. It's not too far out of reach. I think if I give it my all, play good the next two rounds I can maybe sneak in that top-5, but just trying to go out and have fun this weekend.

Q. Where does this rank on the most difficult conditions you've ever had to play in?

JACKSON KOIVUN: It's pretty far up there. I had a couple balls, I would be over them on the green and they would roll back and I had to call in a rules official. I think that happened to me twice and one of my playing partners once. Just I think it was really mentally tough for

me because I felt like I hit a lot of good shots that I didn't get the results I wanted.

Q. Talk about the mental challenge of you obviously played well on South yesterday and that's kind of known as the tougher of the two courses. Then you go on North and it played harder than South did today.

JACKSON KOIVUN: Yeah.

Q. What was that like just kind of having that almost switch up on you?

JACKSON KOIVUN: Yeah, starting the week I saw my tee time, thought I got a really good draw and I did with times and everything, but I think, if I'm not mistaken, North actually played harder than South today, which was kind of shocking because in years past North's always been about two shots easier.

And I kind of went into the tournament thinking, OK, if I don't have a great run at South, I can make some up on North, but kind of flipped it on me today and just knew I had to stay resilient out there.

Q. Can you kind of take me through those two birdie putts, just kind of the reads on both of them?

JACKSON KOIVUN: Yeah, so on 7 I actually drove the green, I hit it to about 15 feet and just two-putted up there.

I knew standing on 9 tee that par was probably going to make me the cut and really just trying to lag that one on 9 up there, get it high enough. I knew it was going to be pretty fast. Luckily it went in and really cemented that cut made for me.

Q. Any weird, kind of wild numbers you had in with weird clubs with the wind?

JACKSON KOIVUN: Yeah, there's a couple par 4s -- well, went driver, 9-iron there my first hole today over the green. Then there would be par 4s where I would be hitting 3-iron in. Just shows the power of the wind and how firm these greens are.