

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES
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ALDRICH POTGIETER (-7)

Q. Aldrich, put yourself in contention heading into the final round. How did the day go?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: Went well. Really happy how I was hitting the ball. Started rolling some putts in on that back nine, really happy with that. Just looking forward tomorrow to do the same thing.

Q. Take me through the hole-out.

ALDRICH POTGIETER: Twelve, it was good. I had a perfect 8-iron distance, a little bit breezy into us, so had something to stop the ball on top of that plateau that I had to land it on. I've seen the video once really quickly, but from the fairway, looked all the way good.

Q. How different did the conditions feel compared to yesterday?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: Completely different. It was nice and calm. A little bit colder, surprising with the amount of wind we had yesterday. Just looking forward to tomorrow. Try to do the same thing. I know it's going to blow a little bit more tomorrow. Just try and stay prepared.

Q. You're 20 years old, this is your third tournament as a rookie, you're one shot off the lead. What's going through your mind? What will you do tonight? How much will you sleep?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: Yeah, I think just trying to get sleep will be the number one factor will be try to get to sleep early. Just try not to get ahead of ourselves and stay in the process and try and do the same thing we did today.

Q. Do you feel like you learned something last year when you won that you can sort of -- obviously it's a different level, but that you can sort of use that process again?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: Yeah. I mean, it feels like a lifetime ago, but it was good. That win from the Bahamas playing, different weather, different golf course styles. Out here it's a little bit different. Longer rough, longer golf course as well so it's a little bit different. Just found some things last week. Building a team was pretty good last week so just looking forward to getting in motion and getting started.

Q. How much did you look at the scoreboards today and how much will you look at them tomorrow?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: I like to look at the scoreboard to know where I'm at. I looked at 'em every time I saw one. Yeah, it's nice when you're playing good you can look at it. Just try and stay in control. If you're playing not so great to still stay on top of things.

Q. This course does not have the easiest par 3s in the world. You made three 2s on the par 3s, plus obviously the one on 12. Is that anything you could ever expect on this kind of course to do that?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: Probably not. Par 3s probably aren't my strongest out of the pars, but yeah, I was hitting the ball a lot better today and especially on those holes. I put myself in good spots to hole some putts.

Q. You're fairly new to the PGA TOUR, but you're already one of the longest hitters out here. How much of an advantage is driving the ball like you do on a course like this?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: It makes a big difference, I think. Especially when you're hitting the ball into the rough, it makes a big difference if you're hitting a pitching wedge into a green or an 8-iron. It's just this rough is so thick you have to be able to get through it easily. I'm just trying to hit a fairway. If I can find a fairway, I'll be happy and just stay out of the long stuff tomorrow.

Q. You've had a quick and also very unique path to the PGA TOUR spending part of your childhood both in Australia and South Africa. How did splitting time between those places shape you both as a person and a golfer?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: I think it was good that I could learn to be away from home. Migrating is not easy, so to do it twice, you get used to being away from your home a little bit. I think that's good. I've had my family with me the whole time.

Yeah, definitely want to go back to both places and visit some people over there. Just got to manage the time. Learned a lot from traveling as well through that.

Q. You've had a lot of success early in your career both professionally as an amateur, winning the amateur championship, getting to play The Open and also winning last year on the Korn Ferry Tour, one of the youngest players to ever do that. What has prepared you for success so early on in your golfing career?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: Off the top of my head, it's just a gift from God. I've definitely been given a talent and I've worked hard my whole life to be here as well. I feel maybe I'm not playing the best golf I would be playing the last little stretch up to this moment. Yeah, it's just definitely just from Him and to be in this position and compete on this level, it's awesome.

Q. Do you anticipate any nerves overnight and in the morning?



ALDRICH POTGIETER: There will be definitely some. I mean, just to get to sleep tonight's probably the biggest thing, and get deep sleep. We'll use the Whoop a little bit and work our way around it. But yeah, looking forward to tomorrow.

Q. One more. I think there's a fun visual going on maybe finishing out your second round. Did you hit it in a beer tent on the 17th hole?

ALDRICH POTGIETER: Yes, I did. I don't even know if it landed and then hopped in. It was sitting underneath the rail and basically the fence line, so it was in by like an inch. Luckily I could get a drop and made up and down from it so I was pretty happy.

Q. Probably not many people in a beer tent at that point in the morning.

ALDRICH POTGIETER: It was empty that late at night surprisingly.