

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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AKSHAY BHATIA (-10)



Q. Great round again today, finished with three birdies. How were you able to corral this round at the end?

AKSHAY BHATIA: I told my caddie, I said the more birdies I make coming in, the more sleep I can get. It's just been a lack of energy and focus today. Hit a nice one on 7, made a really good putt on 8, had a good laugh with Rasmus there, and 9 was just kind of a bonus.

Q. There was a little snap of the fingers and Rasmus matched you on 8 with the birdies. What was it like playing with him today?

AKSHAY BHATIA: You know, we haven't seen each other for such a long time. We played Junior Ryder Cup together in 2018, and then obviously I know Nicolai well and I know Rasmus very well. We played together in Dubai and then hung out together at Pebble and then this week playing with him again, it's so much fun. It's nice having people around my age that I can relate to, and he just moved to Florida as well, so it is really fun.

Q. Two years ago you were here, you played with some guys in that final round not necessarily your age but obviously a great performance getting that fourth place finish. Now here you're a different player two years later. What's different about your game?

AKSHAY BHATIA: Yeah, I feel like I've obviously played a lot more events, a little more experience. That was such a big moment in my career playing with Jon Rahm and Tony in that final group.

Yeah, it's a little different now, still got to get the job done. I've just learned so much, you know, winning and being in those positions and playing with some of the best players in the world.

Q. You've still got a lot of time on a Friday. What do you do in Mexico out here? Is it back to work or is it enjoying some of VidantaWorld?

AKSHAY BHATIA: Yeah, just a little bit of treatment, a little spa treatment and then just hang out. I mean, it's a great week for my fiancée and I just to kind of have time to ourselves and relax and enjoy the great weather here and the resort.

