

**ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES**  
**April 17, 2025**

**KEITH MITCHELL (-8)**



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**Q. Keith, 8-under 64, 10 birdies, that's a heck of a round.**

**KEITH MITCHELL:** That is a lot.

**Q. How would you sum that up today?**

**KEITH MITCHELL:** Honestly, I putted really well on the front. I actually putted well on the back, I just missed a couple short ones, which it's going to happen, it's just golf. I try to give myself a few mistakes to just -- that's what happens, it's golf, it's hard. Just count on a few mistakes a round. If you don't have 'em, great, but don't beat yourself up if you do.

But to have 10 birdies, especially after a week off, which I wasn't in the Masters, going home and practicing, I'm definitely pleased.

**Q. You've been getting off to some good starts this season, you've had a really good season, made eight cuts in nine starts, but nothing sort of outstanding yet. What do you need to do to get to that point at the end of the tournament?**

**KEITH MITCHELL:** That's a good question. I felt like San Antonio two weeks ago I played great all the way to the end. I mean, two shots on that back nine, I finished fourth place and it's a totally different story, and it was playing brutally hard. So I feel like I did pretty well in San Antonio. Played in the last group on Saturday and second-to-last group on Sunday, so I felt like I really stayed in it. I wish I finished better, but it is what it is.

So I think it's trending. Clearly my game's in a good place if I'm continuing to play well on Thursday, so if I can just try to mimic that Friday, Saturday and Sunday, we'll see what happens.

**Q. How satisfying is it to have that consistency, and is that like a goal for you at the start of each season?**

**KEITH MITCHELL:** Honestly, I feel like I just try to get better every time I go to practice, every time I go to the range and every time I play. For some reason it's showing a lot in the beginning of the tournaments this year, and I think it's working. I feel like sometimes I'm just battling myself on the weekends and not necessarily my golf swing or the golf course or my opponents and that can kind of be a problem sometimes. On Thursday there's no expectations, you have no idea what the lead's going to be, you don't know what the final score's going to be, you don't know where you're going to stand, you just go out and play golf and add 'em up at the end. If I can try to continue that mentality to the weekend



regardless of where I stand on the leaderboard, I think I'll have a better chance of pulling out a trophy.

**Q. Ten birdies, that's a lot of highlights, but was there one in particular that stood out to you today?**

**KEITH MITCHELL:** The putt on 8 was probably a highlight, that was a really tough putt and I made a great putt, read it great and it went in the hole.

The chip-in on 17. I hit a really good 5-iron in there, I can't believe it went over the green, it kind of got a big bounce. But to make birdie on 17 with a 5-iron, especially with a chip-in, I would say those are two definitely big highlights.

**Q. You mentioned the Masters earlier, not playing. I guess you watched it. Where were you when you watched it and what did you think?**

**KEITH MITCHELL:** It's the first golf tournament in a while I've kind of stopped my day, like go home and watch. Usually I'm playing, let's be real, but to have a week off, to go home and watch the Masters and see how it ended up, it's -- it was an interesting tournament.

I felt a lot of the same things in some of my rounds that I'm sure McIlroy felt. On a completely different level, don't get me wrong, but just the feels on the golf course of where you stand, what you do, how it happens. I felt like I learned a lot watching that tournament, especially some of the comebacks he had was really something to aspire to.

**Q. Congratulations yesterday on being appointed co-chairman of the PAC. Does that change you in any way, like having that vote of confidence from your peers and feeling different going forward about some of the responsibilities for you?**

**KEITH MITCHELL:** I'm really excited to kind of dive into all this. I've enjoyed my time on the PAC, which is definitely kind of an outlier considering what most players kind of feel about that kind of stuff. It's a good distraction and I enjoy it. I'm looking forward to it. I'm thankful that my fellow players believe that I would do a good job. I hope that I can actually provide that for them. I'm excited to dig into everything and just try to make this tour as a whole as awesome from the fans, sponsors, players as possible.

**Q. You've got some history at this golf course, a couple of Korn Ferry Tour events here early in your career and then you finished runner-up in the first official Corales Puntacana Championship when Brice Garnett won. What do you take from those trips here in the past and what have you sort of put into practice like today?**

**KEITH MITCHELL:** Familiarity's big at golf courses. Everybody talks about home course advantage or just understanding where the breaks are, where to mishit, where to hit your drives, that really matters out here. I haven't been here in a couple years, but the golf course is very similar. I've had success here so I remember the good shots I've hit, I remember



where to try to putt from. It's something that when you get down here, it feels like your preparation, practice days don't take as much time and don't take as much energy out of you.

Having those good memories kind of makes my Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday a lot easier and knowing like where -- I'm not guessing when I stand on the tee, and I know where the flags are potentially going to be, and I know usually where the breaks are. So that's definitely good in my back pocket. Finishing second was great, I would feel like that's a good week this week as well, but I'm doing to try to get that trophy.

**Q. Finally, you got that good round under your belt this morning, what do you plan to do this afternoon?**

**KEITH MITCHELL:** Chill. Hard.

**Q. During your round Lee Corso announced he's retiring after week one. Maybe you don't have a good answer right now, but do you have any Lee Corso Georgia Bulldog memories or moments you can think of that stick out to you?**

**KEITH MITCHELL:** Lee Corso, what a great entertainer. I wasn't really around when he was coaching, but just from College GameDay, he's been a memory of mine every Saturday morning. Just his voice, the way he talks about things, you're always going to laugh. He's obviously extremely knowledgeable considering his coaching background, but I always felt his entertainment value Saturday mornings was just incredible.

