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**ROUND 4 QUICK QUOTES**  
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**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN (-25)**

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**Q. Austin, second career Korn Ferry Tour title, just how are we feeling right now?**

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN:** Yeah, pretty excited. The voice is probably slowly on its way out right now, I kind of let out a couple yells on 18 green with the crowd going nuts on that putt on 18, which is going to be a moment I never forget.

**Q. That was amazing, three birdies in your last four holes there. I mean, what momentum.**

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN:** I don't know, something with those putts on those two par 5s, I knew they were must makes. I was expecting Carl to make his and still make birdies as well. Kind of finally saw a leaderboard where I saw it was just him and I. I didn't think there was enough holes left for Pierceson to kind of catch us, get to 22 or 23. So with 18, kind of anything can happen. I knew birdies are tough. I was just trying to lag that putt down there close and it happens to go in.

**Q. You talked about staying in the moment early this week, which you did. Just No. 4 right now in the points list. How does that make you feel for a Tour card?**

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN:** It feels great. I think it's the spot you want to be in at this time of the year. We've got -- well, I have a week off next week, not playing in the U.S. Open, so get to go celebrate with the family and be back home, then back up in Wichita.

And there's still a lot of work to do. My goals kind of now shift. Getting a win at this point in time, trying to finish top of the money list, and that's the most important spot out here, graduating to the PGA TOUR.

**Q. How does this one feel compared to your first?**

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN:** Gosh, those are some feelings. You know, four years ago is a long time. Lot of good weeks in between and everything, but this one's pretty special. I haven't really made a putt like that to win on the last. I mean, it's just something you dream about.

**Q. Last question from me, family seems like it has meant absolutely everything to you. I think I saw you Face-Timing them over there. Just how have they been with**

**your journey so far?**

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN:** Oh, they're the best, it's the reason I can do what I do and go on the road for four weeks, because I've got such a great wife. We've got two beautiful girls there growing up and get to watch me on TV at times, which is just a pinch me moment. Can't wait to see 'em. We're back home tomorrow night and then who knows what we're doing for the whole week. Probably definitely a couple days of celebration.

**Q. You came to 18 controlling your own destiny. For a long time in your life now you're going to hear about the putt. Take us back to that moment.**

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN:** Yeah, it comes down to -- you said controlling my own destiny. Well, it comes down to Carl making that par putt on 18, or on 17 where I only had a one-shot lead playing the last, which he makes bogey there and I have a two-shot lead, it's a much different feeling I feel like off the tee and the whole hole. With 3 being in play, I was just trying to lag that ball down there close and force Carl to make and happens to go in. It was just I don't know what happened to me, I just let it out.

**Q. It's something to win, and this time you had a gallery, you had the crowds. Last time you won it was COVID. So what was it like with the electricity making that putt?**

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN:** It's so cool. I mean, I wish I could just recreate that moment every week. I feel like that's why you kind of see so many guys kind of take off after a win, they get a taste of it, and I feel like I got a taste of it today. I told Taylor my goals are to (inaudible) the money list this year, which is going to be a tall task, there's so many good players out here and a lot of weeks left, but I'm in a position to do so now.

**Q. How gratifying is it that you won in a dogfight? You looked up at the board, three or four of you were at 24, 23, 22, 21.**

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN:** Yeah, dogfight for sure. This course, anything can happen. You don't expect long putts like that to go in, but Carl made his earlier in the round on 13 unexpected and he let out a roar, too. He was feeling it.

We both were coming down the stretch a little quiet on the tee boxes, those things kind of play out. Then the putts go in, he hits that unreal flop shot on the par 5 and then I match him with a 6-, 7-footer. Then 17 and 18, I mean, couldn't draw it up any better.

**Q. This is a huge day for your career because then you're at a point in the season now where you can almost see the finish line. A few months off obviously, but you cannot only win the money but finish in a place that's going to get you right to the PGA TOUR.**

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN:** Exactly. Our tour is so strong right now and I feel like it's everything you want to feel in these tournament weeks to get you ready for the PGA TOUR,

the back and forth having to hit golf shots. And then today with the wind, conditions were not easy. As much as scores are low, it's not just a cake walk out here. These guys are good and I'm fortunate to be on top today.

**Q. Final thought. You're from across the country, you played in the south central part of the country, but what's it like being in Greenville? It's going to have a special place in your heart obviously.**

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN:** Yeah, this -- I'll come visit Greenville whenever you want me to. We spent time downtown this week, walked by the river, all the experiences you can have. We went to the BMW Performance Center, which they've just been a great host. It's incredible to win in such a vibrant, lovely city. Yeah, I will want to come back whenever you guys will have me.

**Q. The fill-in caddie situation, how did that come about and then what was his role? Obviously you want to make it special and celebrate with him because he did play a decent role.**

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN:** Exactly. I just picture myself in that position when I was 19, you know. To be inside the ropes and to do the job he did, I mean I was nowhere capable of doing that when I was 19 for a buddy.

He just stepped up. Called him, he drove an hour down to Carolina Country Club just from a mutual friend. Long story short, I strived to (inaudible) everything for two days and make his job pretty easy, but contrary when you're going low, it's also tough to keep doing, to keep making birdies and not get nervous and stressed. He was just that even keel, good vibes, and he knows what he's doing out there. I was pleasantly surprised and fortunately lucked out (inaudible).