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**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN (-25)**

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**Q. Austin, you're now a two-time winner this season. Just what are the emotions like right now?**

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN:** Pretty high. I mean, emotions, all day I felt like I handled my emotions well. That's kind of what I wanted to do today, just have fun, hit golf shots, play as relaxed golf as I could and see what could happen, especially because of the position we've been in where we could do that. I wanted to see how I could play, what I could do when I had that kind of mentality and that patience all day. I'm happy with the result. And I feel like I learned something else today that I want to take with me as far as how to approach these final rounds getting a little bit more comfortable.

**Q. That's your second win in three starts now. Just what made you so comfortable these last few weeks?**

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN:** I think just coming into our own as far as time of year. We've been playing good golf really since January starting in the Bahamas. Stayed patient, do a lot of the same things.

And I kind of have to give a shout-out to Sam Hahn the LAB Golf CEO for getting me into a LAB putter. Literally switched in Kansas City this year and since that run, I don't know how many birdies I've made but enough.

**Q. Were you leaderboard watching today? I mean, did you know that an 8 under was going to take it?**

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN:** I really didn't. I really didn't see a leaderboard for the right page until really kind of -- the turn doesn't have a ton, 11, 12, 13 really wasn't a lot of leaderboards to look at. 17 green was where I saw knowing that 17's a tough birdie hole that I still had a one-shot lead. They announced me as the leader when I approached the green so I kind of figured. With Alvaro just one back, I don't know where anybody else was really. Those are two tough holes to finish with birdies so I was pleased with where I was at. The 4-iron on 17 today was probably the highlight.

**Q. What mentality did you have to have coming down these last two holes, with 17 being the hardest out here?**

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN:** Seventeen's the hardest, I played it 2 under for the week. Missed that green yesterday and still just had a two-putt, which I mean probably a pretty pivotal hole for just being comfortable with my long irons this week, just good numbers, fortunate how they all worked out today.

And another highlight, probably the (inaudible) shot on 12 from 77 yards, one hopping, hitting the bottom of the flagstick right in the bottom of the cup, that was pretty sick.

**Q. Now you've overtaken the No. 1 spot on the points list from Johnny. Just what are you aiming for the rest of the season?**

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN:** See how much fun we can have. It's kind of our world right now. This is fun to be out here doing this and so blessed to be able to have these opportunities every week. You don't get to win very often in this sport and the fact that I've done it twice in three weeks is a pinch-me moment. A lot of guys (inaudible.)

**Q. Do you have that three victory promotion in mind?**

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN:** Absolutely. I want to go get in contention to see how much fun we can have, win another time, close it out, great. If not, there's still so many tournaments left and a lot of ways to go. And happy to be another off week next week so I get to go home and enjoy this.

**Q. And you FaceTimed your wife before the closing ceremony here. Just want to talk about how much their support back home means to you?**

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN:** Yeah, we talked this morning just finalizing her plans, making sure she wasn't going to surprise me or anything out here today, throw me off. So we discussed yesterday and this morning that she was going to stay home. I'm flying home anyways tomorrow morning. Win or lose, get home to them and spend a couple days with no golf in mind, put a new trophy in the trophy case.

**Q. My last question here, you were on the PGA TOUR, had to come back down to the Korn Ferry Tour. Just what has this whole entire process been like for you?**

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN:** Yeah, these two weeks with winning kind of sums up a lot of hard work and whether the work I put in with my coach, Cameron McCormick, or my work with Zach, my caddie, we're vibing out there and having so much fun. He's been great. He's been on the big show a bunch, so his wisdom was used a little bit today. I had a long walk up 15 fairway, I was by myself and he was ahead of me probably just thinking it's fine. I felt a little nerves, hit a good tee ball on 15. He slows up and looks at me, I said just tell me something, we need to talk right now, I need to not be silent. Just little things like that in the right moments can make a big difference.

**Q. Yesterday you told me you weren't quite finding the flow. What was that difference**

**that allowed you to do that today?**

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN:** Honestly, a little bit of range work last night just trying to figure out where driver and 3-wood were going. (Inaudible) have a little bit of a stronger face coming back, all the technical stuff I won't bore you with. But as far as figuring it out, I feel I figured it out last night to where I could show up today and warm up really nice. The tee ball on 1, the second shot on 1, the shot on 2, just like I got those big shots early enough to where there was no questioning if I had it or not, it was just a matter of being present enough to make the right shot selection and execute to the best of my ability.

**Q. How about that eagle?**

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN:** Yeah, that was pretty sweet, a little one hop and disappear. There's probably a few dozen people around or maybe watching that hole and they all went up high-fiving everybody. (inaudible).

**Q. Last one I have is just the crowd the entire week, especially today, but just what is the support for someone who isn't necessarily from the area to get a really large crowd all day?**

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN:** That's one thing about coming here and Springfield in general, Panther Creek hosts all of us players and caddies in their homes. They open up their homes to us all week to us to be able to have just an easy week. I'm staying hundreds of yards away from where we're doing this tournament. My host is probably back there hooting and hollering still.

Just that support from the community, getting -- I got to know a bunch of kids on Tuesday doing an FCA little golf nine hole walk and talk. Saw those kids today high-fiving, giving them balls, gloves. One of them brought (inaudible), I was like yeah, great. It was just something like that everywhere.

**Q. (Question about the eagle.)**

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN:** Yeah, 77 yards just middle of the fairway, one hop, that was probably 10 steps toward the flag. It was a little lower one. Would it have probably stopped before it got to the back edge, yes. If it didn't go in, I would have been happy with that shot making a five-footer or something, but the fact that it disappeared, all right, let's go.

**Q. And you had no idea that was to get a share of the lead?**

**AUSTIN SMOTHERMAN:** Yeah, yeah, and I don't know what Alvaro was doing behind me too much, I just (inaudible) other than knowing he's making similar birdies, that I was probably (inaudible), making a 2 there, stealing one and just hitting a lot of the proper shots coming in, hitting both par 5s in two and having two putt birdies.