

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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DREW DOYLE (+2)



Q. Well, Drew, let's start with the finish. How nice was it to finish that way?

DREW DOYLE: It was great, yeah. I hit a bad bunker shot on 17, put me over the green and that was a tough up-and-down, so I'm glad I got the up-and-down, and then obviously the birdie on 18 was huge, felt really good, so huge confidence boost going into tomorrow, for sure.

Q. What club did you hit? You hit it to two feet on 18?

DREW DOYLE: I did.

Q. What club did you hit there?

DREW DOYLE: That was a pitching wedge, a 46 degree.

Q. And to make things a little bit better, you beat your brother by one stroke.

DREW DOYLE: I didn't even know. I honestly was trying not to pay attention to the leaderboard too much. But yeah, I'm sure we'll have some talk about it tonight.

Q. You get bragging rights for the night, right?

DREW DOYLE: Yeah, for the night for sure.

Q. Can you talk about the support that you had out there from fans, family and everything?

DREW DOYLE: Yeah, it's awesome. I look around and pretty much every hole I know everyone that's following my group. I think Kevin on the first tee said, he's like you've got to be the famous one because there's no way all these people are out here watching me on Thursday afternoon.

Q. And can you talk about the way Hurstbourne played today? It was a little more firm in the afternoon, a little more difficult?

DREW DOYLE: Yeah, it's probably the hardest I've ever played this place. We had a Kentucky Open here a while ago and it was similar in firmness, but we played it like a par 71. It's a par 70 obviously and it's a lot more firm and it's just kind of baked out so the ball's going forever, it's hard to stop it around the greens. You get short sided, you're going to



make bogeys.

Q. And the round as a whole, are you pleased with it or are you kind of --

DREW DOYLE: I'm pleased with the finish, for sure. I mean, I hung in there. I didn't have my best stuff. I made a few mental mistakes to start, which I kind of I don't want to say I expected but with all the pressure I've kind of put on myself this week to perform, I'm happy with the way it ended up today, and I have a good shot tomorrow to go out and play well, make the cut and then play well on the weekend.

Q. Can you speak to that internal pressure you're putting on yourself? Anything specific?

DREW DOYLE: Yeah, just, I don't know, it's been a tough year, I haven't gotten -- I have conditional status on Korn Ferry and I haven't gotten very many starts, and the ones that I have I didn't know I was playing in until a couple days before the first round, so it's been a grind. I've been grinding on the Americas Tour and been kind of hoping for a big break. Like I said, I've kind of put some pressure on myself this week to play well. So tomorrow I might come out and kind of change my attitude, just try to have a little bit more fun.

Q. Do you think that's overall going to be your mindset tomorrow?

DREW DOYLE: Yeah, just have fun, stay in the present, hit some good shots and just see what happens.

