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**KEVIN DOUGHERTY (-14)**

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**Q. Kevin, 63 and tied the course record today. Just walk us through a couple highlights and maybe what was working the most for you out there today.**

**KEVIN DOUGHERTY:** I actually didn't even realize I tied the course record until they told me inside.

I mean, it was kind of a day of patience. I probably got off to the slowest start of the guys in our group. Marty and Conner really kind of got it rolling early. Then I kind of was just plotting away, and then I chipped in for eagle on 6 and that kind of got me off to the races. Had a beautiful birdie on 7, had a beautiful birdie on 9. Kind of just from there just rode the wave and finished off nicely.

**Q. How long was your chip-in on 6 for eagle?**

**KEVIN DOUGHERTY:** The pin was probably 19 on and I was probably six or seven short from the front, so 25, 30 yards.

**Q. Even shooting the low score today, you see a lot of guys, it's pretty stacked on the leaderboard, full leaderboard, what do you think you have to go out there and do tomorrow?**

**KEVIN DOUGHERTY:** Just kind of more of the same. Not really too focused on like a score necessarily. I think the weather's going to be good again tomorrow, and depending on the wind, certain holes are definitely gettable. So I'm just going to go out and try to do the same routine and try to be as accepting with all that comes as possible for sure.

**Q. How much did it help today that the weather did finally cooperate?**

**KEVIN DOUGHERTY:** Yeah, it's been a long couple days. I've had a couple 4:00 a.m. wake-up calls. I had one Thursday, and then I thought I was going to have a little bit of a rest day today getting to finish yesterday, I thought I was going to but then I had a 6:45 restart and then finished that up and then played another 18. It will be nice to sleep in tomorrow and have some good weather.

**Q. Did you have any sense that a low one was coming or is that just something that happens?**

**KEVIN DOUGHERTY:** I feel like it's been close all year. I've been playing really solid. I've changed my practice a little bit in the last month or so to be a little more kind of on-course situations rather than just raking balls and trying to play golf swing. At my club at home in Dallas, Maridoe, there's a ton of guys on this tour, the PGA TOUR, and we've been playing a bunch. I'm kind of getting some real-life reps at home which I think definitely carried over to here.

**Q. Who do you play with PGA TOUR wise?**

**KEVIN DOUGHERTY:** Yeah, I mean, everyone's out at that club. I would say mainly I play with Cooper Dossey, Tanner Gore, the Coody twins, Davis Riley, Taylor Moore, Zalatoris. Everyone's out there. Kind of whoever shows up that day, we have two or three groups and rip it around.

**Q. What would you say like sparked that thought to put yourself in more on-course situations in practice?**

**KEVIN DOUGHERTY:** I think it's just being mindful during tournaments of the situation that I'm in that I get to a spot where I don't feel like I've made practiced it or I'm maybe thinking too much golf swing or too much -- yeah, golf swing, and was just kind of, hey, we need to change this up a little bit. It's definitely paying off.

**Q. What would you say was the biggest thing you learned either about your game or maybe even about yourself on Tour last year?**

**KEVIN DOUGHERTY:** Oh, man, the PGA TOUR, it taught me to not compare myself to other people. I heard Rogan on a podcast say comparison is the thief of joy, I think Teddy Roosevelt said it. It couldn't be more true. I definitely fell into that last year. I mean I'm hitting balls next to Rory and Scottie on certain weeks, and then guys who have played eight, nine seasons out there without even losing their card, and you kind of start to compare yourself your first year out there. It kind of took quite a bit of like the love of the game away. I was like I'm not as good as these guys. It was just kind of beating on me rather than focusing on my own journey.

**Q. What do you think the toughest thing to do tomorrow is going to be?**

**KEVIN DOUGHERTY:** Probably stay in the present. Everyone's always trying to see the future. It will get there, like we'll get to that 18th green at some point tomorrow. Something that I've worked on is kind of some tactics or like kind of mindfulness ways to stay present and that's kind of going to be the main focus.

**Q. And what do you think the easiest thing to do tomorrow is going to be?**

**KEVIN DOUGHERTY:** Hang out with my kids in the morning, my wife, my parents, and just

kind of have a nice relaxing morning. We haven't had one really yet, so it will be nice to kind of just chill.