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CHANDLER BLANCHET (-27)



Q. Chandler, first Korn Ferry Tour title, just what are the emotions like right now?

CHANDLER BLANCHET: Yeah, it's incredible, all the emotions. It was a hard-fought day. I went into it with a four-shot lead and was still kind of trying to press and make a bunch of birdies. But you don't want to give some up, so it was kind of a stressful day.

I played really steady, hit it really well all day. It's awesome. It was awesome coming to the last hole with a three-shot lead, I was pretty comfortable.

Q. And you played with Neal, two-time Korn Ferry Tour winner out here. Kevin also, roommate this week. How did it feel? What was the mindset like having to play with those two guys today?

CHANDLER BLANCHET: Yeah, Kevin's been on the PGA TOUR, he's a great player. Neal obviously has won twice this year. I played with him last Sunday too when he won. It was pretty awesome honestly playing with him last week. Even though I thought I was playing well, to see him make those putts and do what he needed to do to win, it was inspiring. That was the kind of energy you want to be around. It's very cool that it went into this week and I was the champion, but I have to feel like that played a part in it.

Q. And No. 7 now in the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour points list, top-20 get their Tour cards. How are we feeling about that Tour card right now?

CHANDLER BLANCHET: Yeah, that's super exciting. I wasn't sure where we were on the points list. I had a really steady year this year, a lot of top-20s and 15s, so kind of stacking on the points. But now the 500 points is a big jump so hopefully finish the season strong and get on the PGA TOUR next year.

Q. You started with conditional status. What was that grind like throughout the season?

CHANDLER BLANCHET: Yeah, I didn't really know what I was going to be doing at the beginning of the year. It's a little stressful to think about, but I've always played well in South America on the Latin Tour so I kind of love that we started down there. I missed the cut at Abaco, but I went to Colombia and I finished 13th. Kind of that got me into the next four and I followed that up with an 11th and a 9th. So I got -- I feel like I've had full status, but it's really

cool to kind of start the season that way and end up here now.

Q. And what are you looking to accomplish the rest of the season?

CHANDLER BLANCHET: Yeah, just keep it going. I feel like I've been doing everything really well. Like I said earlier in the week, I'm just kind of owning my game, owning what works for me pre-tournament, pre-round. Kind of keep this going. Been playing really well. It would be awesome to lift some more trophies and just keep getting in the mix.

Q. And your wife, Michaela, do you want to tell me how she was watching you on 18 and what she's doing back home?

CHANDLER BLANCHET: Yeah, one of my best friends, Nate, he used to caddie for me, he was my roommate in college, he was on the back of the green with a beer and my wife on FaceTime. Super cool.

My wife is celebrating a little baby shower today, we've got a daughter coming in September so she couldn't be here unfortunately. But she's flying to Chicago tomorrow, so it will be great to have her here. I know she's super fired up.

Q. Are you excited to celebrate and ready to have baby No. 2 on the way? Got this win, what a year for you.

CHANDLER BLANCHET: Yeah, it's incredible. I think I played really well on the Latin Tour when she was pregnant with our son, Cameron. Maybe we should keep having kids, I don't know. Yeah, no, it will be great. Yeah, this is awesome.

Q. Can you touch again on what your son told you about the birdies?

CHANDLER BLANCHET: Yeah. He's like pretty vocal. He's only two years and a few months but super vocal. He said, "Make birdies, Daddy," on Thursday or something like that. I was like, "How many birdies," and he said 10. I was like, all right, sure.

I didn't have 10 birdies the first day but I shot 10 under so it was pretty close. I asked him this morning and he said two. I was like, no, no, try again. Thankfully we had a few more than that.

Q. To go 20 under the first two days, how do you keep that pace? How do you keep on going after that?

CHANDLER BLANCHET: Yeah, I just kept plugging along. I feel like I played this course a lot over the past few years and I knew what I kind of needed to do on certain holes, and I went out today feeling like we need to play the par 5s really well, like those are easier birdies. We're going to have a few wedges we might be able to hit close, but don't need to get too greedy on some of them.

I was hitting it really well, I wanted to go at some more pins but I was like, we're going to put this just a couple yards right of it, or left. I kind of had the pedal down but on the safe side.

Q. Did you go into hole 18 knowing you kind of had it in the bag?

CHANDLER BLANCHET: I mean, 18's kind of a spicy little tee shot. I hit 3-wood today rather than driver, just didn't want to even flirt with the water.

I ended up hitting in the left trees, so it wasn't like it was a cakewalk. And I wasn't too sure honestly how many strokes lead I had, but I knew I had at least one or two. So I laid it up. I asked Dave on my way up, I said, how much do we have to work with, and he said three shots. So safely put that into the center of the green.

Q. Did you know that you were just one shy of the tournament record here, too?

CHANDLER BLANCHET: I did not. Maybe I would have tried to make birdie a little harder. No, no, it's all the same. I'm super happy, 20 under the first two days was great, and 27 was probably the low four-round tournament for me.

Q. Let me ask you about when you were on the tee box on Sunday, you've never been on a tee box with the lead. Did you think -- what was going through your mind, and you have the guy that won last week right next to you?

CHANDLER BLANCHET: Yeah, I mean, there's a lot of emotions. Like I felt the hum in my bones this morning, it was exciting. I didn't really want to shy away from the emotions, it's why we play.

I mean, you saw Scottie's interview I'm sure earlier this week where it's just this lasts for a few minutes and this is awesome and it is amazing and I definitely don't want to discount that, but it's really like the grind of playing, like you get so much out of it. Like that's the feeling we really love, like grinding and making those birdies or making those pars, whatever the case is. It's fun just being in the fight.

Like Neal and Kevin were playing well through the front nine, they both had a couple hiccups on the back, but they were pressing. Like I couldn't let up. I was happy to have them playing well to push me.

Q. That's what I was going to say, at the turn you made the birdie and you still had that four-stroke lead. It wasn't like you -- is there like halfway done, let's go to the other half?

CHANDLER BLANCHET: Yeah, just kept plugging along. Like I hit some really, really good shots on the back nine, birdied two holes, 12 and 13. I think that was probably all I birdied on the back but I hit it really well. Or maybe 11 and 12.

Q. You made it look easy with the 62s, but then -- this is the first time wire to wire on this tour this year and only the third time in the 36 years here to go wire to wire.

CHANDLER BLANCHET: Wow, yeah, that's crazy. Probably the only wire to wire event I've ever won. That's awesome, yeah. Yeah, that's awesome.

Q. Chandler, I've got to ask, this is technically a life-changing win so how are you just so even keel? A lot of guys would be crying their eyes out. What makes you just go, yeah, I'm glad I won?

CHANDLER BLANCHET: We had some time, there were a few tears walking up in the scoring. But yeah, I mean, this is incredible. I'm super fired up. Go celebrate later with the boys and see my wife tomorrow.

Q. I'm going to ask, a win, only you know how hard you work every day to make this happen. Why is it true that hard work does make dreams pay off?

CHANDLER BLANCHET: Yeah, it does. What do they say, hard work beats talent, talent doesn't work hard? But I feel like I just kept on getting better every year, even since I was in high school. Like I didn't play at a big school, I played a Division II school, West Florida. And they were awesome, I got a lot better there. My coach was huge, she was great there. I just feel like I just kept working hard and figuring out what works for me, and I do the same routines every single day. It was cool to finally see them all work together.