

PINNACLE BANK CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES

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PETER KUEST (-8)

Q. Peter, 8-under 63 today, just what are your thoughts on the round?

PETER KUEST: Just solid. Hit every green, hit a lot of fairways, just gave myself a lot of opportunities to score.

Q. And talk about the front nine a little bit, 30 on there, hot start.

PETER KUEST: Yeah, I knew we had no wind this morning and the greens were perfect, so the hole was pretty big.

Q. And if you want to just talk about your season so far. A little bit of ups and downs, but now you're kind of rallying towards the end.

PETER KUEST: Yeah, I don't know about a whole lot of ups, but there were plenty of downs this year. It's all going in the right direction. It's coming to playoff time so it's when you want to start peaking and getting ready when you can start making a run.

Q. Are you the type that does good under the pressure with it coming down to the points list?

PETER KUEST: I think so. I mean, it's probably like three or four weeks, I had a good family friend of mine, kind of mentor, reach out and call and see how everything's going. Basically just came to the conclusion of like, screw it, who cares, just go play golf and have fun.

Q. Do you want to talk about him more and how you guys kind of got into the dynamic together?

PETER KUEST: I played junior golf with his kids, (inaudible) get me into the game as well. Been a good family to have.

Q. What's his name?

PETER KUEST: I'll just keep it.

Q. OK. Talk about being back in Utah last week. Like you said, you've had more downs than ups. What did that do maybe for some quasi home cooking, maybe gain

some good mojo for the stretch you're on?

PETER KUEST: Yeah, it was definitely good. It was actually a good thing I didn't get into Chicago because I was able to go to Utah and stay with some friends that week before. I just had a bunch of friends out that I haven't seen since I moved to Dallas, so it was really good to have them there.

Q. Talk about the two eagles today.

PETER KUEST: Yeah, the first one on the front, hit a 4-iron into there about 10, 12 feet, and then the second one, what was it, about 250 downwind out of the rough, a bit of a flyer 6-iron to about 30 feet and made it.

Q. Had you been in the first group this season?

PETER KUEST: Maybe two or three other times. It's always nice being in that first group because of fresh greens and getting really good roll.

Q. What's been your impression of the course so far?

PETER KUEST: It's been great. This is my third year being here. Yeah, it's always great, it's always in great condition. Just comes down to like how much rain they get leading up to it. The superintendent and staff do a great job.

Q. I want to go back on your journey a little bit on how you started golf kind of with a broken arm was one of the reasons you got into it after baseball.

PETER KUEST: Yeah. So I broke my arm pitching. First sport I could do, I was cleared to do was golf so I started just playing that all summer. Then fall ball my freshman year in high school, then switched to golf that spring.

Q. Did you ever think you would be a pro golfer?

PETER KUEST: No. Probably not till like my senior year when I really wanted to pursue it, see where it goes. But you still never know, still got to play really good golf.

Q. Yeah. Also read about your father kind of laying out the painter's gear, he's like, hey, pick between going all in on golf or (inaudible)?

PETER KUEST: Yeah. Oh, when was that? I had to have been probably 15 or 16. That's when he started working and I was screwing around all summer and he's spending all the money to get me in tournaments. He just laid those down, gave me an ultimatum but not really, you can either go to work or you can start taking this a little more seriously, and that's kind of when I started working at it a little harder and got opportunities to go to school and play.

Q. How much did your dad mean to your golf journey to get you to where you are right now?

PETER KUEST: Oh, really, he started both me and my brother in the game. Just being a competitor in everything we do. Just blessed to have him.

Q. Do you feel like you play with a little bit of a chip on your shoulder too like not being recruited out of high school and getting to where you are right now?

PETER KUEST: Not really. I mean, I loved going to BYU, it was an amazing experience. I got to fish and ski as much as I wanted, played as much golf as I wanted, so it was perfect. I didn't go to class a whole lot. Wish I would have gone more. But oh, well, it is what it is.

Q. Are there any mental specifics that you're kind of working on for the next couple events of the season specifically?

PETER KUEST: No, not really. Just hitting good numbers, doing all that and just trying to make as many putts as I can.

Q. Is there any change really that's been -- you had a couple missed cuts in a row over the last few weeks and came out pretty strong. What's really been the mindset change?

PETER KUEST: I just don't care all that much right now. It's probably a crappy thing to say, but that's just how I feel. It just is what it is. You just go out and you try to do the best you can and whatever happens, happens. I got so caught up in worrying about the score and what it comes down to, it's like it doesn't really matter. You're trying your best, so just keep trying to do that and eventually it will come.

Q. And a round like this, does it let you play free tomorrow?

PETER KUEST: Yeah, definitely. I don't see why not. We've got three more rounds, so can't really protect anything tomorrow.

Q. How much if at all did you get down? I mean, you had a stretch where breaking 70 was tough.

PETER KUEST: Yeah, I mean, it wasn't like I was shooting 80, it was a lot like 72, 73, so I was like right there. I was playing decent golf, I just couldn't get anything to really go my way I felt like. I think the turning point was just like letting go, just whatever happens, happens.