

ALBERTSONS BOISE OPEN presented by Chevron

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES

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JULIAN SURI (-8)

Q. Julian, great round, one shot off the lead right now. Just sort of take us through some of the highlights of the round today.

JULIAN SURI: Yeah, most of the highlights were on my first nine, on the back nine. I felt like I hit it well all day and I gave myself some good looks early on before the wind kind of came up and the greens were a little bit softer. And my putting felt really good too and was able to roll a bunch in. It's all kind of a blur there, those six holes or so to finish off the back nine, but was fun to get it cooking for a little bit.

Q. Won in Utah and staying hot here, what's been the biggest key to sort of the last three weeks that's sort of clicked for you?

JULIAN SURI: I'm hitting it a little bit better. I think short game and the putting has always been the strength of my game and has kept me in it score wise, but my ball-striking is slowly, slowly getting cleaned up and I'm able to give myself some more looks and when you get some good greens, you can roll 'em in so that's nice.

Q. And a lot of talk about just greens, the course playing a lot different than years past. I don't know that you played here a ton in the past, but just how do you think the greens are holding up and how do you think they'll play in the afternoon compared to maybe --

JULIAN SURI: I think they'll probably be a little bit firmer in the afternoon, which makes it a little bit tougher, which means you have to hit the fairways. If you hit it in the rough, it's tough to kind of guess how it's going to come out. There's some thick spots and then it lands on the green and it will take off. Yeah, you've got to be smart around here. I played here last year and I don't remember it being this firm, but it's a good test, it's always a good test. Having a lot of birdies on a course doesn't mean it's not a good course. You have to hit golf shots, so I like that.

Q. You've had a little time to process the win now. Is there anything in particular you've thought of or anything that stood out that came to your mind in the aftermath of the win?

JULIAN SURI: Yeah, you know, it's funny how I never really thought about ever winning the golf tournament until the last two holes on Sunday and I didn't think I was in, and I think that's kind of a lesson when you kind of -- you can overwhelm yourself with a burden of

expectations sort of. And when you think about the whole forest, but when you kind of take it tree by tree essentially, it makes things a little bit more manageable. One step at a time, which is a little bit cliché, everybody knows one shot at a time, but it was definitely an eye opener for me.

Q. Could you just sort of take us through the decision, you won in Europe, you played DP World Tour for a fair amount of years. What went into your decision in 2020, I guess 2023 to like play Q-School and try to go the Korn Ferry Tour route?

JULIAN SURI: I loved it over there. I feel like I grew up over there, and six years of my life from when I was 26 to 32, so I spent a lot of time over there and I feel like I'm almost like a hybrid of cultures with all the places I've been. I'm very thankful for the experiences over there.

For me, the travel was a lot. I never had a base over there, which maybe I should have had in hindsight. But hopping back and forth between Florida and Europe or wherever we were playing, in the Middle East or South Africa or wherever, it was a lot. It takes a toll. There's a lot of overnight flights and a lot of -- I was on a flight from Minneapolis to here, which was three hours and people were moaning and groaning and I was like three hours, one hour jet lag is nothing. Try seven and then teeing it up the next day. So it taught me a lot and I'm really thankful for my time over there and I just wanted to bring things closer to home.

Q. You talked about your putting. Any real long putts that you holed out there? Any that stand out?

JULIAN SURI: Yeah, I made a few long ones. On 16 I made a putt for eagle, probably 40-ish feet from kind of just right of the flag in the middle of the green.

Then 18 I made about a 25-footer from above the hole down the hill. That was kind of a bonus one. That was a tough one.

But yeah, that's about it. All the other ones I kind of just gave myself solid looks and I hit good putts.