

ALBERTSONS BOISE OPEN presented by Chevron

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES

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PHILIP KNOWLES (-13)

Q. Philip, great round, at the top of the board right now. Just sort of walk us through some of the highlights of the day.

PHILIP KNOWLES: It was a pretty good day. Wasn't anything -- honestly, I drove it really well. Aside from that, I just kind of hit my iron shots in the right spots, made a few putts. Left a few out there. I mean, 10, pretty short hole, drove it up there by the green, made par. Made par on 2 from the middle of the fairway. Par 5, short par 5. And had a couple other wedge opportunities that just didn't really hit great.

It was a very good day, but honestly, you always leave some out there but it felt like, yeah, it could have been a couple better.

Q. What is it about this place that either suits your game so well or that you just like about it so much?

PHILIP KNOWLES: I love the city, I love the weather, the views out here. The golf course favors someone who drives it really straight, which traditionally has been a strength of mine even though the last 12 months or so it has kind of been a little streaky. I've driven it really nice this week. And I tend -- yeah, I've also got -- there's three par 5s out here, all of them are reachable and I don't hit it that far. So there are a lot of guys who on other golf courses can get to par 5s that I can't get to, so I think that plays to my advantage in this instance. So yeah, just a fun place.

Q. Could you kind of -- you were in a great position I guess for two rounds at Rocket and had a kind of spotlight a little bit. What did you learn from that week and kind of that stage on the PGA TOUR?

PHILIP KNOWLES: Yeah, so much. Only at the halfway point and I felt like in that third round there was a lot of things I did really well early on in the round, and I stood on hole I think 7 and I already felt like I needed to press a little bit. You're playing against the best players in the world and you feel like they're all just making a ton of birdies and you're even par through six holes. I feel like I'm just falling behind and I think I was like one back. We still had nine, 10, 12 more holes that day and 18 the next day.

So just learning to like stay patient, stay in the moment, all those cliches that people say, keep doing the things that you've been doing that led you to have success the first few days. You know, trust that you can just keep it rolling and you've got 18 -- you've got a whole other

round the next day and you can be right there.

Q. So it sounds like you almost needed an experience of seeing what that was like because in that moment you did find it hard to stay in the moment?

PHILIP KNOWLES: Yeah, yeah, for sure. I mean, everything is bigger and better out there, right? The grandstands, the crowds, the hype leading up to that round. I didn't really know, I didn't expect to be in the final round that day. I finished in the morning on Friday, I thought someone was going -- I thought I was going to be one or two back probably.

So I never looked at a leaderboard that night and I kind of -- obviously you figure out when me and Chris are the last two players on the putting green that you're in the final group. Not that that really made a difference, it just, you know, that's a dream, right, to win on the PGA TOUR. To win out here is a dream honestly.

So to get a little taste of that, I learned a lot. Learned a lot about myself and decided to use that to play with this weekend.

Q. What does it mean that you've given yourself another chance to be in the final group on a Saturday once again?

PHILIP KNOWLES: Yeah, just the more chances, the better, the better your odds. You know, we -- if you're Hall of Fame in this sport, you win like six percent of the time or something like that. It's a crazy, crazy stat. We lose so much more than we get to win. Just put yourself there and have chances to win is very meaningful, very encouraging for all the stuff I'm working on in my game.

Yeah, I'm pumped, I'm excited and I hope to go out and do better than last time I was in this position.

Q. And can you explain sort of where you are in terms of status and the transition kind of between tours this year?

PHILIP KNOWLES: Yeah, I've played a lot on both. This is probably my -- you guys might know better than me.

Q. Seventh.

PHILIP KNOWLES: My seventh Korn Ferry event, probably my 20 -- no, probably 15 PGA TOUR events this year. So I haven't played very well out there. I feel like that's been a constant learning process.

I've played, this would be my second pretty good event through 36 holes at least. I played pretty nice in Raleigh as well. It's a very difficult thing to go between the tours and you're just kind of always, your schedule's always like, I'm not really sure. That's your answer to people,

are you playing this event? I'm not really sure.

Especially when you're playing on a medical, on the PGA TOUR you want to go out there and you want to make those starts count. So the points that are available in the events and the course fit, you know, all of those things you kind of take into consideration. You might not play some weeks because there's less points or because you don't like the golf course. It's a very weird place to be in.

At the end of the day you've got to make it the same, right? You've just got to make it you show up for another 18 holes of golf and it's the same as the previous day, as the previous week. It shouldn't matter whether it's on the Korn Ferry or the PGA TOUR, whether you have two medical starts left or you have three seasons worth of exemptions left on Tour. Finding a way to make all those events the same is kind of what I've been learning and working through this year. I've made some good progress and learned a lot. You know, there are still things I can do better.