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ROUND 4 QUOTES
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MICHAEL BRENNAN (-26, won playoff)



Q. Michael, started the day four strokes back, big come-from-behind victory, win number two on the year, just how are you feeling?

MICHAEL BRENNAN: Yeah, feel great, feel good.

Q. You extend your lead with the No. 1 spot now. With three events left in the year, you control your own destiny even more. Just what does this week do for you going forward the rest of the year?

MICHAEL BRENNAN: Yeah, it's a big confidence builder. I mean, playing well just does that whether you win or not. It's great to get more points. That's kind of what we're out here playing for. We still have three great tournaments left, but Jeff and I, we'll definitely enjoy this. It's great we get to go home tomorrow and just kind of regroup and get settled for the last push.

Q. The playoff hole, your drive got a little squirrely off the tee. What was the conversation like between you and Jeff walking up to your second shot and was there anything that he said to you to kind of rein you in a little bit, get you back in control?

MICHAEL BRENNAN: Yeah, it was not a good tee ball, it was like a nervy snap hook basically. Hit a tree, didn't even get to the fairway.

Then I kind of skanked another 6-iron down there. The words out of my mouth were not super positive, but Jeff just kept reiterating like c'mon, stay in it. He likes to say lock in, so he probably said it to me 10 times as we -- you know, between our third and fourth shots there and helped me realize that those shots are behind me and I can't afford to really dwell on it too much, and I thankfully hit a nice chip and a nice putt.

Q. Leading up to Windsor, it felt like you've been knocking on the door for a while and then you won your first event. You've now won two of the last three. In a way, did that sort of take a monkey off your back, winning in Windsor, and do you feel freed up at all now going forward?

MICHAEL BRENNAN: Yeah, 100 percent. I think it's maybe not monkey but it's maybe more experience. You know, with the lead, around the lead, I felt pretty comfortable for the most part today. I kind of knew I was going to make some birdies, I've been playing good, I



felt like I've been rolling the ball well on the greens. Just trying to stay patient. I mean, Derek played a really, really clean round, he only made one bogey. I think that was his only bogey of the week, which is insanely impressive. So it's tough playing against someone that you know is not going to really make too many mistakes. But made some nice putts, some really solid putts.

Q. What was the game plan going into today starting your round four strokes back?

MICHAEL BRENNAN: Yeah, the first six holes, five holes out here are really kind of gettable, so Jeff and I were like let's just attack them early and maybe put some pressure quick. I kind of did that, kind of didn't do that, but then I made a really, really nice putt on 7 for birdie and Derek made a bogey. So that was his only bogey of the week and it was a two-shot swing, got me within two. I feel like two shots kind of anything can happen whether you're two up or two back, it's really not that (inaudible.)

Q. This is a tournament that's very popular for the players to come to. Can you just talk about who your host was this week, what it was like staying with him and how that, if anything, helped you come out here and perform?

MICHAEL BRENNAN: Yeah, no, so yeah, stayed with Ross B, who's the deejay out here on Friday night. He didn't get in until Friday afternoon, so the early part of the week his parents were at the house. So Jeff and I hung out with his parents, Stan and Judy, and they were great. Cooked us dinner on Tuesday night, I believe, and so that was great, we had good food.

And then Ross went Friday and he brings a ton of energy. He was probably more fired up for our tournament this week than I think Jeff and I were. Every morning or when we were going to bed he was always giving us knocks or let's go or c'mon now. Yeah, he was great. We had a really great week.

Q. I know you mentioned down the stretch in the closing ceremony there, you said you felt the nerves, you said you had a nervy shot on 18. People have said if you don't feel butterflies, if you don't feel nervous, you're not human.

How do you think that sort of is evolving as you get more used to these situations? Do you feel more poised to win rather than trying not to lose?

MICHAEL BRENNAN: Yeah, yeah, and I think I felt -- I did in the regulation, I felt I did a very good job of staying composed and committing to the shots that I hit. I got a little out of rhythm in the playoff for sure certainly, but it's not unique to me. That's what my dad always told me when I talked to him about it, oh, I was so nervous. Like you're not the only one that's feeling that, everyone else is feeling that too. Just trying to stay in it as best we can, and it's tough. I kind of got a little side-tracked in the playoff, but just glad I was able to get it done.



Q. As much as you want to win, it's an individual sport, it feels great, how much do you feel for Derek?

MICHAEL BRENNAN: Yeah, I mean, Derek's such a nice guy and we had a -- I really enjoyed our round that we had today. I've known Derek for many years. He's a great player and he's played some really good golf. He was in the final group two of the last three weeks. His time's certainly coming, he's played some really great golf and I can see him winning here very soon.

Q. You've got two wins now. What's the rule, three wins gets you --

Q. Automatic promotion to the Korn Ferry Tour, full year status.

Q. All right. So you're already in a good spot, in the No. 1 spot, but is that your focus now, getting that third win?

MICHAEL BRENNAN: Yeah, I mean, I think everyone's trying to win every time they get out here. It's nice that I'm in an opportunity that I just need one more win to get that done. You know, having the security of a full year on the tour would definitely be nice, but yeah, I think we're just, Jeff and I are just going to go to Edmonton and do what we've been doing, play solid golf and we'll see what happens.

