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ROUND 4 QUOTES
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MICHAEL BRENNAN (-19)



Q. Mike, your third win, full status on the Korn Ferry Tour next year. What does that mean to you?

MICHAEL BRENNAN: It's everything. It was my goal to start the year when I knew I was playing out here. Just try to focus in the offseason and kind of grind and make sure I was prepared to get out here. It feels amazing, yeah.

Q. And you've now won three of the last four. We talked to you in Windsor. It's tough to say, but looking back, how did that win kind of open the floodgates at all and maybe lighten you up a little bit going forward?

MICHAEL BRENNAN: Yeah, I feel like definitely took a little bit of pressure off. I feel like I have a better understanding of the golf it takes to win out here. I think that's part of the battle. I thought before maybe I needed to play a perfect round of golf or perfect tournament to be in that position, and you do need to play well but I think kind of just took a little pressure off myself, a little extra added stress.

Q. Speaking of that, after yesterday, shot your highest number of the year yesterday. To be able to come back, put together a solid round and get it done today, what does that say about not only your game, to be able to bounce back, but your mental toughness to come out and bounce back?

MICHAEL BRENNAN: Yeah, yesterday was a tough day. I was pretty glad to get in the clubhouse after that round and be done and kind of reset. I wasn't in the best space. I was a little nervous, and it's unfortunate that it was the highest of the year. But I played really solid the first two rounds so thankfully I was able to kind of afford a little mishap like that. I don't want to do that in the future but it was great to bounce back like that.

Q. After last season coming into this year, it's hard -- was it a goal of yours to try to win three? I know it's a tough thing to quantify, but is that something that you had on your mind?

MICHAEL BRENNAN: Honestly, not really. It was just the Korn Ferry status and finishing inside the top-10 on the points, that was kind of where my eyes were set.

I did not expect this. I did not think going into the season that maybe I was going to win three



events, so it's been a really pleasant surprise.

Q. Having won three, how you're feeling right now, what would you tell yourself after the final round of last year's Tour Championship knowing now what's happened this season?

MICHAEL BRENNAN: Yeah, just stay tough and keep battling because there's so many opportunities. Like at the time that felt like that was kind of the end of the season, I didn't have a tournament for a while until second stage of Q-School. So that was kind of a tough pill to swallow. But just kind of putting things in perspective and knowing that you have -- hopefully I have hundreds of tournaments in my future and it was just one of them. Try to learn from it, put it behind you and move on.

Q. You've talked about it again this week, how much Jeff's support and his -- just having him on the golf course, how helpful that is for you. Pretend he's not right there, what would you say about Jeff almost as a thank-you and just what having him on the bag's meant to you over the last year and a half?

MICHAEL BRENNAN: Yeah, I really don't know if Jeff realizes how big it is. I think it's a huge advantage for our team that I have a caddie who's dedicated and committed and really wants the best for us, and that he's willing to stick it out and tough it out with me out here. It means everything. I mean, I feel like I have a leg up on the other guys in the field just from that fact. Jeff is sacrificing a lot to be out here and be on my bag and part of the team. It's amazing.

Q. Now with your family, obviously you've talked about how their support means so much to you. I don't know if you've had the chance to talk to them yet. What would you say to them right now if they were standing right here having now secured your status at the next level?

MICHAEL BRENNAN: Yeah, they're coming out to Victoria next week. I think they fly out on Monday so it's going to be really great to see them on Monday.

They would be super happy. I know that they wouldn't be able to take the smile off their face. I know that they're smiling like that back home right now. It's amazing to have their support and their love. Yeah, it's amazing.

Q. Even more so the membership, you know, Wolcott and Pondi up there, a bunch of players up there to stick around and congratulate you, see how excited they were for you, what does that mean to you to have the support of the membership out here?

MICHAEL BRENNAN: Yeah, it's amazing. Professional golf has been a dream of mine since I was a kid. Just the friends that I made, that wasn't really as a 5-year-old what I thought of, it was all about winning the trophies and stuff, but that's honestly been the best part of being out here is texting them, getting dinners in the evening and just hanging out



with really good people. It really means a lot.

Q. Do you think going back to that -- what made this win unique compared to the other two?

MICHAEL BRENNAN: I think it was unique just had my career low to par on Thursday and then had the high round of the week -- of my year on Saturday. I think really kind of a tale of two sides. Like I played really great golf early in the week and kind of had a tough day yesterday. So I just -- I'm thankful for my team, my coach, my parents, Jeff, everyone that I talked to after yesterday's round trying to get my head right and just make sure it was screwed on straight before going into the round today.

Q. I don't mean this for you to sound cocky, but do you think if you're playing your best golf, can anyone out here beat you?

MICHAEL BRENNAN: I don't know, it's hard to say. Like super subjective, but I think my good golf is pretty good.

Q. And what's left to accomplish now? What do you try -- what are your goals for the last two weeks now just knowing it's not math -- maybe it is, but you have such a big advantage now in the points list, what do you look forward now the last two weeks?

MICHAEL BRENNAN: Yeah, I would like to win again. It's fun to compete and fun being in those final groups. That's why we practice, to kind of feel those nerves and be able to perform under pressure. So I would love to be in that environment again coming in.

I think it was after Windsor, Jeff told me how many points I had for the Canadian swing and how many Johnny had last summer on the Canadian swing. I don't know where I'm at, I don't know if you know, Jeff, but getting a little bit closer and I still don't think I'm there yet, but definitely a goal of ours after our win in Windsor was to try to surface Johnny's, which I knew it was going to require a few wins but we've gotten a few so keep it rolling.

Q. Now that you're close, this is Johnny Keefer right here, what's your message?

MICHAEL BRENNAN: Hey, Johnny, I'm coming for you. We're playing each other in fantasy football this week, so I'm coming for him multiple different ways. I don't know how many points he had, but I hope it doesn't hold.

Q. I had one more. You wouldn't be human if you didn't feel for Derek. What's your message for him coming in second each time but losing to Minnesota, losing to you today.

MICHAEL BRENNAN: I don't know what the odds of having the same person in the final group for like three straight 72 hole events is but I can't imagine they're very high. Derek's just such a great guy and he showed a lot to me about his golf game and his toughness out



here, grinded really, really hard these last couple weeks. Golf's a tough game, it's not very fair. I don't know why I won and he didn't but I would just say keep grinding, game's certainly good enough. He's been in the final group of the last three tournaments. Just keep doing what you're doing.

