

KORN FERRY TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP
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ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES
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BAREND BOTHA (-10)



Q. Just kind of talk me through your round and how you were feeling out there.

BAREND BOTHA: Got off to a rough start, not the way I wanted to. Kind of just got into a bad mental space and tried not to hit bad shots instead of trying to hit good shots. Got to 8 and I was like, you know what, there's a lot of golf left so why don't we just start hitting good shots. I just changed the mentality and tried to go on from there.

Q. This course, obviously different than your average Korn Ferry Tour course just in terms of difficulty. Is that something that suits your game?

BAREND BOTHA: Yeah. I mean, played Inverness for four years when I was at college and it's kind of like this, tough, very long, you need to hit good drives, good iron shots. I think it suits my game because it's pretty long. If I can hit less than driver off the tee, I mean, I don't really hit full drivers but if I can keep it in the fairway, I'm good with that.

Q. You put yourself in position to potentially earn a card tomorrow. Any pressure? Are you the kind of guy that's going to check, be looking at the leaderboard all day tomorrow? How do you stand with your mental approach to the final round?

BAREND BOTHA: I don't really look at the scoreboards. Maybe on the last hole, but for the whole round, just play my own game. Whatever happens, happens. I know I have to go win so I'll do my best to give it a fight. I have nothing to lose so I can only go for it.

Q. You have the whole Toledo team out here supporting you. Just talk about how that came to be and what that's like having them follow you.

BAREND BOTHA: Yeah, my coach texted me on Sunday last week and he's like, is it fine if we come watch? I said, you're more than welcome to. It was nice having them out here, having some support, so I enjoyed it.

Q. There was a note about how you received some NIL to go play at some bigger schools but decided to stick with Toledo. What kind of went into that decision?

BAREND BOTHA: Well, after my junior year -- well, it was my junior and senior year, I hadn't won the MAC, my team hadn't won the MAC, so I spoke to my coach and I said, you know what, we need to win the MAC. So we did not unfortunately, but we gave it a good run.

Q. You have your brother on the bag this week. Kind of how did that come to be?

BAREND BOTHA: Went through a rough patch in the middle of the year and I kind of just needed family close by. It was tough being on the road. Yeah, I have some friends out here but I just needed some family. I asked him if he wanted to come carry the bag and we got him a visa and he ended up on the bag. It's been good so far.

Q. You bring up the visa. Didn't you have some visa issues back when you were on Americas?

BAREND BOTHA: I did, yeah. Got my B-1 visa and then found out I needed a Canadian visa to get into Canada. That put me back two more months, so I didn't have a lot of tournaments left but still got there.

Q. And just kind of thinking about everything you've been through from the visas to those six missed cuts and having family on to now potentially being able to punch your ticket to the PGA TOUR, how does that feel?

BAREND BOTHA: It feels amazing. I mean, I've always wanted to play on the PGA TOUR so why not.

Q. I don't know if this was asked, but like kind of the stress, you missed was it nine of 10 cuts and then you're kind of turning it on now. Again, apologies if I missed some of the stuff before, but what do you feel like has changed for you as you've gotten into this stretch of the year?

BAREND BOTHA: Well, I changed my caddie to my brother then just to feel closer to home, and I got a new coach, Justin Parsons, great guy. I mean, very simple, makes everything simple. Yeah, I mean, everything's just been snowballing in the right direction.