

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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ANDREW NOVAK (-16)



Q. Andrew, what did you do so well today to continue what you did yesterday?

ANDREW NOVAK: Yeah, I thought I drove it well again today, gave myself a lot of opportunities with some shorter irons in and wedges in and really took advantage. There was a lot of close wedge shots where they weren't necessarily gimmees but very, very good opportunities with the putter and kind of got in a rhythm with that and maximized some opportunities in the middle of the round.

Q. When you shoot a low round like you did yesterday, what kind of focus do you put on the following round as the old adage goes it's so hard to follow up a low one with another one?

ANDREW NOVAK: Yeah. I wasn't even leading. It's birdies out there. I've always had like pretty good success at Plantation in this tournament. I've maybe not been as good on Seaside, so I really want to take advantage of a good Seaside round and back it up with a good Plantation round. I feel like today was mostly good. The finish was not good enough really, but yeah, it was what I was looking for.

Q. Do you feel like you're good when you play these type of tournaments well, meaning a birdie-fest where you have to go out and make a ton of birdies and shoot somewhere in the 20s?

ANDREW NOVAK: I would say no. I would say historically I've been much better on tougher golf courses. I think probably my strength is my short game and I might have chipped three times all week. Not even probably. Really haven't had to chip much. I don't know, I think some of the advantages is just my home course, I know how these courses play, I know where I want to be on holes and I'm taking advantage of it and making a lot of putts.

Q. Andrew, what's it like playing with no pressure at a course you're familiar with?

ANDREW NOVAK: Yeah, that's such an advantage this week. I had a baby to two weeks ago, I'm just here getting out of the house and happy to be here and other guys are fighting for their job. That is a huge advantage for me this week. I've got a little bit less riding on it. I definitely want to win. It's a local tournament so there is extra motivation for me to play well here for that. But some guys have their entire years riding on this week.

Q. Do the guys who live around here necessarily have an advantage because it's not really -- when PGA TOUR rules staff gets ahold of a golf course, it doesn't resemble



the other 51 weeks of the year, does it?

ANDREW NOVAK: Yeah, so it is kind of a running thing, no local has ever won this event and I do think there's some of -- typically we've just gotten unlucky with weather here and with that bad weather the courses play so different than what we're used to.

And I think right now it's playing a little bit more like how I would see it when I'm home most of the year. I think I'm a little bit more comfortable playing the courses in these kind of conditions instead of some of that nasty cold that we've seen in other years. Yeah, if you look at scores compared to this to previous years, it's just completely different.

Q. What's been the best part of being a father so far?

ANDREW NOVAK: All of it's been great, seriously. It's so cool. I'm going to go home and hug 'em both now. I think they came out for a few holes, it was cool seeing them out there. Unfortunately I think they were there for the back half so they missed all the fun, but oh, well.

Q. You were on the bubble two years ago. Can you just talk about what that was like?

ANDREW NOVAK: Yeah, it was awful. I think they made a video of it or something. All I had to do was make the cut to keep my card and I was looking safe, hit a ball in a tree and it got stuck in a tree on the last hole and I had to come back. I birdied my second ball basically to make the cut on the number. That was about as stressed as I've been on a golf course maybe ever. My whole year was riding on that hole. So I'm very familiar with the amount of pressure that some of the guys are playing with this week and I'm very blessed to not have that pressure right now while I'm playing.

Q. Do you feel it amplified a little this year because of the decreased cards given out or pressure's pressure?

ANDREW NOVAK: Yeah, I think pressure is pressure, but in previous years you would have had 60 percent of the field had locked their card up already and right now a lot of the guys are sitting out the fall or whatever and there's only 100 cards. I would say probably less than half the field probably has their cards locked up for next year. So it is a little bit different. I think more guys are playing with that pressure.

Q. Andrew, during that six birdies in a row, any long putts in there?

ANDREW NOVAK: Yeah, I made a nice one on 16, maybe 25 feet up the ridge there. Nothing too crazy, it's a pretty straight putt. Yeah, that had a little length to it. Everything else was pretty short.

Q. First child?



ANDREW NOVAK: Um-hmm.

Q. Boy or girl?

ANDREW NOVAK: Girl.

Q. What do you know about fatherhood now that you didn't know beforehand?

ANDREW NOVAK: Oh, man, I know how to change a diaper, yeah.

Q. There's that.

ANDREW NOVAK: Yeah.

Q. And on the weekend do you just keep freewheeling, not really worrying about where you stand or --

ANDREW NOVAK: Yeah, I definitely, I'll know where I stand. I think I had an opportunity today to really kind of separate myself a bit and I didn't do it. It's probably going to be somewhat bunched up around me. I might not be leading going into tomorrow, I know some guys have some holes left.

Yeah, there's a lot more birdies to be had this weekend and I'm going to have to go out and get 'em to win because 17 under, 16 under, wherever I'm at is not going to win come Sunday. Definitely still going to be in attack mode.

