

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES

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DOUG GHIM (-14)



Q. Three under today, pretty solid round backing -- it's always good to shoot something like that when you're in contention. What did you do better today than maybe you did yesterday and what did you do worse?

DOUG GHIM: I mean, it played trickier, for sure. I mean, I know we played yesterday, but it was a different course than when I played the first day. It was nice to play a solid round after shooting 60 out there.

Yeah, I made a couple of putts. Missed a couple that I wish I could have back. All in all, I did the best I could and that's all I can ask for.

Q. You've had some moments, whether it be on the KFT or the PGA TOUR, being on the bubble. What's the key, you know, when you finish these rounds and go back to wherever you're staying, what's the key to make sure that it's not too anxious, you know?

DOUG GHIM: Yeah, I think I've done a better job through the years. Obviously I think -- I was a nervous wreck I think when I made it through the Korn Ferry Finals. It was a tough night.

I think, you know, it means a lot obviously to be out here. I also know that I will probably get a handful of starts next year, and if I have to go back to the Korn Ferry Tour, that's what I'll do. At the end of the day, I know I'm tough enough to handle that. I know that, you know, everything happens for a reason. If I have to go do that to prove that I can win out there and come back, then that's what I'll do.

But I'll do my best in trying to win the tournament tomorrow. I would rather be on the PGA TOUR next year, but I'm ready to handle whatever will happen tomorrow.

Q. There are some people who like the Korn Ferry Tour better than the main Tour. When you mentioned you were a nervous wreck that Saturday night at, was it Vic National that was at?

DOUG GHIM: Yeah.

Q. Did you sleep at all? Like, what made that night so nerve racking? Did you not eat?

DOUG GHIM: Yeah, I think at the end of the day it's a dream, right? And not to undermine

the PGA TOUR, it is a dream come true to be able to play out here.

I think it's because you don't know what it's going to be like to be on the PGA TOUR. And having played it for six years and understanding what it takes to be out there and understanding what it takes to get through the Korn Ferry Tour as well, it will be easier for me this time around.

I mean, I think everybody on the Korn Ferry Tour is so anxious to get their PGA TOUR card, knowing what that means. And it's a huge accomplishment and rightfully so.

But I think this time around it's just understanding that I'll end up wherever I need to be. I'm just going to do the best I can to play well.

Obviously outcomes don't always tell the story. I feel like I've gotten a lot better this year and made a lot of cuts, just didn't really do anything on the weekends.

Yeah, I get one more opportunity to do it this week. If not, then maybe it will be through the Korn Ferry Q-School and maybe even finish in the top-5 there and get my card that way. There's so many different possibilities that can happen. Just trying to do the best that I can and that's all I can control.

Q. Have you ever rewatched that putt from KFT Finals, that 8-footer?

DOUG GHIM: Yeah, I've had it sent to me. A lot of my coaches that I work with remind me about that putt whenever I get down on myself.

Sundays out here are tough, weekends in general are tough, there's a lot on the line. The margins are razor sharp, thin and one year you could be so close to winning and have bad Sundays and the other years it's like you just happen to be in the right place at the right time, don't even feel like you played that good and breezed by.

Yeah, it's nice to look back at that, nice to have that under my belt. If I have a putt like that tomorrow, I would consider that a success for the predicament that I'm in. It's going to take a lot and I'm going to need some help. At the same time, I'll be very grateful just for the opportunity.

Q. Along those lines, what's it mean to have that chance? Starting the week you knew you had to be in contention into Sunday to have Sunday mean a ton and you're there.

DOUG GHIM: Yeah, no, for sure. I mean, at the end of the day I'm very grateful to be here. I'm grateful to have played on Tour for how long as I've had.

You know, I know it feels like a huge step backward to have to go back to the Korn Ferry Tour if that is the reality, but at the end of the day I'm just excited for the opportunity. You've seen a lot of players go back and come back with a vengeance and play really well. If that's

the case, I hope that's me.

Q. How do you feel about the amount of Tour cards for next year?

DOUG GHIM: I mean, it is what it is. I understand. I think it plays tricks with you mentally as a player because it feels like I've played horribly, right, and when I look at it, you know, realistically, it's like all right, I understand that last year I probably wouldn't feel like I've been playing terrible. I would have obviously liked to have been closer to the 60, but I would have my card theoretically.

So understanding that, it's like trying to be nicer to myself in that sense. Obviously I didn't have the year that I want to. I know that I can win out here and I hope that I will eventually. I understand, you know, rounds are not finishing later or at the beginning of the year and they want to make it more competitive. It is what it is.

I feel like if you're on our side, our end of the spectrum, it probably feels like it sucks, and if you're on their side of the spectrum or playing really well, it's like it's nice. At the end of the day, they told us what it was going to be at the end of last year and at the end of the day it is what it is.

Q. And then last week in Bermuda you had a pretty good week and it was really windy. What were you telling yourself to kind of finish strong and then be in a position --

DOUG GHIM: Yeah, I honestly just had a shift in mindset. Obviously when you're in the situation a lot of us are going into tomorrow, you can feel sorry for yourself, you can feel frustrated. You can be like next year, or it sucks that it's only 100 cards this year, or it's so windy here or whatever.

You know, I can only control what I can control. I know that I'm tough enough. And if I want to be as good as I want to be and as good as I think that I am, I can handle going back to the Korn Ferry Tour.

Just telling myself that the results only tell half the story. It doesn't define the golfer that I am. The Korn Ferry Tour's only getting stronger and stronger, so it's nothing to be ashamed of of going back there. Every year people put it all on the line just to try to make it to that tour. Out of respect to them, it's something to be proud of still.

If I get the opportunity to play out there, then that's what I'll do and hopefully I'll come out on top if I go there.