

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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LUKE GUTSCHEWSKI (-4)

Q. Luke, solid first round to final stage. How do you feel about the day and how would you describe your mindset for this week overall?

LUKE GUTSCHEWSKI: Yeah. I mean, felt good. I played nice, I played solid, I kept the ball in front of me. Nothing too crazy good or bad.

But about this week, I mean, try the best you can to treat it like any other week. I had to play second stage and first stage so I'm a little more used to how that whole thing goes. I mean, it's just golf at the end of the day, right? Do the best you can to just kind of make it just golf.

Q. Could you describe your journey from turning pro, when you turned pro and the different -- what avenues you've pursued and tournaments and tours you've played on since turning pro?

LUKE GUTSCHEWSKI: Yeah. So I played Americas Tour Q-School about a couple weeks after I graduated. Got conditional status. Chased the Mondays up there.

Got in one in Toronto, played well. Reshuffled in. Then played the rest of the year up there and barely kept my card for Americas Tour. Then I played first stage, second stage, now I'm here.

Q. What's been the most pivotal moment when you think of the journey? Is there a crucial moment or shot or round that comes to mind?

LUKE GUTSCHEWSKI: To be honest, a couple. I've played really well in the final round a bunch of times. I wish I had a reason, I knew why I did that. I played really, really well at the final round of Americas Q-School, which got me into first stage. The only reason I went up there, to be honest.

I played really well first stage. I played really well at second stage again. So I think all three of those rounds are probably pretty, when I look back, pivotal.

Yeah, wish I had a better reason for -- I wish I knew why I played well in those final rounds, but I'll take it.

Q. Way back one but kind of for some context, could you describe how you got into golf?

LUKE GUTSCHEWSKI: Yeah. You know, it's honestly I don't really know. I mean, I just,



like golf was like literally all I knew. I remember from when I was real young being in an RV going to golf tournaments. That was kind of what we did. It wasn't like this moment where I picked up a golf club. Like we just went to golf tournaments.

I remember being 4, 5 years old and my dad taking me out for nine holes in a practice round and I thought every golf course had massive bleachers around it. It wasn't anything like crazy to me, it was just like just our life. I guess I've always kind of been around it.

Q. When you -- like just kind of talking to friends about like what your dad did for a living, how would you describe it?

LUKE GUTSCHEWSKI: Just, I mean, he played golf, I guess. Like I mean, that is what he did.

Outside of that, I mean I think, I think pro golf has more layers on it than just like you go roll up on Thursday and play for four days and however that goes, it goes. I think there's a lot more that goes into it.

So I think I'm probably a little sensitive to how hard pro golf can be because I kind of saw him injured, I saw him win. I've kind of seen all of it with him, so I think I'm a little more sensitive about the hardships and the things that come with it.

Yeah, I just say he played golf, yeah.

Q. Did you see the clip of when he got his Tour card back, when he clinched it in Columbus and he got emotional?

LUKE GUTSCHEWSKI: Yeah. That was -- I actually, I remember where I was. It was my freshman year at Ohio State and I was qualifying. I remember I asked, I asked one of the coaches, like hey, like is it OK if I look at my phone, because normally you don't look at your phone. He's like, yeah, dude, whatever you need to do.

So I was actually qualifying to play for my team and he was, you know, right on the edge. Just needed a birdie or two I think from what I remember.

I remember exactly where I was. I remember the week before as well in Boise he almost won. But yeah, I remember that pretty well.

Q. What did that mean to you as his son?

LUKE GUTSCHEWSKI: Gosh, I don't know. I mean, like every boy grows up with their dad being like their superhero, right? I guess it never even crossed my mind that it would not happen again, that he wouldn't get his PGA TOUR card again.

I think, I mean, I was just so proud of him. I was in middle school and he was just hurt all the



time and he fought so hard to get back. I don't think a lot of people see that side of pro sports in general, just fighting to get back from whatever it is.

But gosh, I mean, it's like a million times more nervous than I am when I'm on the golf course when I'm watching him, or anybody for that matter. Yeah, so just like extremely like proud beyond words, for sure.

