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ROUND 4 QUOTES
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ZACK FISCHER (-14)

Q. Zack, 171st start on the Korn Ferry Tour and you're finally a winner. How does it feel?

ZACK FISCHER: Man, honestly, I didn't even know it was 171 starts. It's been a long, long time, all the way back to 2014 was my first start. It's just crazy to think all the way back now, we're 2026 and there's been many years where I haven't had status. To actually win is really cool. I've won Q-School twice, doesn't count. It's cool to have that, but now to actually be a champion, it's really cool.

Q. Coming in with a bit of a lead, where were you at mentally entering the day and maybe last night? What were the thoughts?

ZACK FISCHER: Last night I was actually good until I heard a huge crack of thunder and woke me up, then it was like I couldn't go back to sleep.

Then this morning being a little bit cooler, it's tough to get the body moving. The nerves were definitely a little bit there at first, but I made some nice pars on the first few holes. I missed a little short one on the first hole, but when I made the putt on 3 for birdie, it kind of settled me down. The putt on 9 to save par, that was probably the trivial -- the actual big thing.

And then who knows what happened on the shank. I mean, I tried to hit a really hard gap wedge, I probably should have hit a soft pitching wedge, which is exactly what I did the second time.

But just all the mental stuff I've been working on, it helped me get through the trial. Then when I hit the flagstick on 16, I thought it might go in the water, I was terrified. Then it goes right next to the hole and I make birdie there.

Yeah, it's crazy to think back, ups and downs of that round. I was really proud that I stayed in the moment, did exactly what I've been trying to do, put more checkmarks on my yardage book and here we are, I got a trophy.

Q. I guess maybe talk about that mental reset. You walk off with a double there. Just what did it take to kind of just refocus and not letting it spiral from there?

ZACK FISCHER: Honestly, everybody will probably think I'm lying, I put a checkmark there.



I was fully committed to I guess just shanking it straight out of bounds. There was no bad thoughts, there was nothing. It kind of caught me off guard because I was hitting it really nice all day and then all of a sudden I hit this wild right shot.

But just going back to my breathing that Jack Riggins, the commander, has taught me, my mental coach, it kept me in the moment. The save on 15 was really big. Again, the same thing, like I didn't hit a good shot there. I'm like I could go off the rail really quickly, but stayed in the moment, did my thing I wanted to do, just put a checkmark on every single shot and it's crazy to think we're here.

Q. What's it like to putt out and then see your family all run onto the green?

ZACK FISCHER: Honestly, like I was really nervous over that last putt. People were like, Why do you not react to this? It's because I was like, oh, it went in the hole. I kind of felt like it was The Greatest Game Ever Played when Francis Ouimet made that putt -- in the movie where he made the putt and he just picks the ball out of the hole and holds it up. That's kind of how I felt.

Seeing my little girls running across the green and my wife in tears, it's not just me who's put in the hard work. Like she's been a trouper. She's literally been the breadwinner for several years. She's a court reporter on the side and she's incredible and she's a great mama, which is even better than all those things.

Q. Zack, minus 5 over the last four holes Saturday really got you set up for this, didn't it?

ZACK FISCHER: Absolutely, yeah, that was big. Honestly, it was funny because my caddie, Tanner, and I were talking, and we were like nobody's been in the double digits. Ben got to double digits on the second day and then I had a rough finish unfortunately. But all of a sudden out of nowhere we finished 5 under on the last four and it was wild. It hit me kind of out of nowhere, like I wasn't really expecting, I wasn't trying to make birdies. I just hit good shots, made a few putts and it put me in really, really good position where I didn't have to be aggressive and I could just play my game. It worked out perfectly.

Q. I was listening back to your interview from 2013 Q-School today.

ZACK FISCHER: Oh, wow.

Q. You said that you were confident you were good enough, but see what happens, there's a lot that could happen.

ZACK FISCHER: Absolutely. And thinking back on that, kind of this whole mental approach I had, you know, whenever I won in 2013, ignorance is bliss. I didn't know anything. I was just two years out of college. I didn't know any of the statuses, I didn't know what winning meant, I just knew that I wanted to win.



Now being 36 and knowing how statuses work and reshuffles and all that, it's cooler for me now I feel like just because now I know what it means and I still could perform.

I couldn't have done it without the Lord. I mean, He's put so many amazing people in my life. He gave me the strength to get through today, which was amazing.

Q. You mentioned you now realize what it means. What does it mean?

ZACK FISCHER: I mean, I don't know where it puts me on the list, but I think I'm top-10. Maybe I get a courtesy car in Chicago and Springfield, who knows.

But it puts me in a great position to have a chance to get a PGA TOUR card. That's the main goal that we're shooting for. Korn Ferry Tour is awesome, I'm not discounting that in any way because I've not had status and that's not good, but it's cool to have a chance for the PGA TOUR card and this is arguably the best chance I've ever had.

Q. You mentioned your wife. What's it meant just that she's been willing to do so much, kind of working so much, taking care of kids just to help give you a chance?

ZACK FISCHER: I mean, the fact that they're here this week is all on her. Obviously they wouldn't be here with me. She drove literally all the way from Little Rock all the way over here to Amarillo. She did the same thing in Knoxville and Raleigh.

It means the world to me that she wants to be here with me and she wants me to have time with the girls. I mean, not every wife would be willing to do that. It just shows me that she loves me and she wants the best for me and wants the best for our family.

Q. (No microphone.)

ZACK FISCHER: So she's a part time -- she's a court reporter, but she does freelance and she does graphic design as well and she takes pictures. She created the logo on my hat here, it has the Z and the F and the fish. It's on my shoes down here at the bottom.

Yeah, she's amazing, she really is. I outkicked my coverage.

Q. Zack, we gave you the whole gamut of weather here in Amarillo, windy, cool --

ZACK FISCHER: Every direction of the wind, every single direction. And I think I saw on this coming Wednesday it's supposed to be 107 and today I was, I was in a polar zip warming up, which was crazy. I thought we had crazy weather in Texarkana, but nothing like here.

Q. What did you think of the course, the layout?



ZACK FISCHER: The layout's awesome. I mean, the fact that they build these extra tee boxes, it played -- I mean, I played in the British Open in 2023 and I mean, I was getting feels of how firm and fast everything was playing, especially yesterday. It was just -- it just gets crazy how firm it is. You've got to be smart and that's my kind of golf. I like thinking golf, that's what's fun.

Q. Do you think an older version of you would have spiraled after the shank and not be standing here with the trophy?

ZACK FISCHER: Heck, I mean, three weeks ago it may have been that way. Started reading the book Zen Golf and made it about halfway through it, but it's helped me learn that I hit a lot of shots not fully focused.

That's what I talk about in my checkmarks, like I want to be fully focused on every single shot, not thinking about anything besides the shot at hand. Yeah, if I would have hit that shank, I would have spiraled, for sure. Like there's no way I would have been able to recover from that, it would have messed with me bad.

Q. And not only is it your first win, but it's the inaugural event. How special is that for you?

ZACK FISCHER: That's really cool. The next five years, I guess four years after this, a five-year agreement. It's cool to be able to put my name. I don't know if they'll do a flag or whatever, but it will have my picture up there. Hopefully, I get to come back. Maybe I'm on the PGA TOUR. I would love to be on the PGA TOUR, but I would love to come back to Amarillo and try to defend my title.

