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JACKSON KOIVUN



MODERATOR: We would like to welcome Jackson Koivun to the interview room here at the 2026 ISCO Championship.

Jackson, you were here last year. Just what are your thoughts and memories of the event here last year?

JACKSON KOIVUN: The golf course was great last year. Happy to be back in Louisville. I remember last year it was really firm, and we're getting some weather this week so we'll see how different the golf course changes from last year.

MODERATOR: Last year, I was looking at your scores and you shot 73 in the first round. It was outside the top-100, but you came back the next three rounds and finished T-6. How proud were you of that performance after the start you had?

JACKSON KOIVUN: Yeah, it was great. I remember I definitely struggled in that first round and just told myself scores aren't crazy low and if I could just go put up a couple low ones, I could definitely get back in that top-10 range. Definitely gave myself a chance on Sunday. And obviously William Mouw played great, I think he shot 61. Definitely happy after the first round.

MODERATOR: It's a year further on, it's a little different for you this year. You're coming back as a professional now, your second start. What was the feeling like last week at the John Deere Classic in your first start as a professional? Was it different? Did the expectations, were they different and how do you feel that performance was for you?

JACKSON KOIVUN: Yeah, I mean obviously I'm a little disappointed after last week, missing the cut, but definitely battled some expectations, some outside noise. Just trying to work on blocking that out and getting used to this pro lifestyle.

Q. How do you manage that? How do you train yourself to do that?

JACKSON KOIVUN: I think it's just something I've got to get used to. I hadn't really felt that much exterior pressure in a while. It was just something I was kind of unfamiliar with and it definitely leaked into my mindset, which is unfortunate to say, but just got to be better at that and just get used to it.

MODERATOR: Do you think your grouping this week will help you with that a little bit being more comfortable? You're playing with Miles Russell, a good friend who you played both rounds with, the final two rounds at the U.S. Open recently, and Ben James, who recently



turned professional. Do you think that's going to make you feel a little more comfortable and settled this week?

JACKSON KOIVUN: 100 percent. Me and Ben are very close. Obviously was able to play with Miles at the U.S. Open. There's just a little more comfortability. I just know the guys in my group and we're just going to go out and have a good time and see what we can do.

Q. So obviously not the start last week that you were looking for. Saw you working hard on your putting early week this week. What are some of the keys to your game and how you kind of overcome and make a good charge this week?

JACKSON KOIVUN: Yeah, golf game definitely wasn't where it needed to be last week. I've put in a lot of work these past couple days to try to get it back to where I feel I can go out and win.

Like you said, I've been spending a lot of time on the greens. I felt like last week I kind of slacked in that aspect and the stats showed. Yeah, just mentally getting ready and kind of just working through some kings. Game feels good now.

MODERATOR: I just wanted to ask you, Jackson, one thing before you go. As an amateur in college, you won all three Player of the Year awards, the Haskins, the Hogan and the Nicklaus, not just once but twice. You're the first and only player to do that, which is an amazing achievement.

When you do something like that and you're first to do it, what is that like and is it something that you can look back on the rest of your career and take that forward with you? How does that sit with you?

JACKSON KOIVUN: Yeah, all those organizations are cherished in my heart. It's definitely cool to say I'm the first player to ever do that. Just something I can derive confidence from.

Obviously the PGA TOUR's the next level and it's different than college golf, but there's been a lot of really good players come out of college and to kind of be thrown into that mix is just, it's a great feeling and something I can definitely get some confidence from.

MODERATOR: All right. We appreciate your time and good luck with the week this week.

JACKSON KOIVUN: Thank you.

