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ROUND 4 QUOTES

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DANIEL SVÄRD (-14, won playoff)



Q. Daniel, just take us through your emotions right now after that playoff.

DANIEL SVÄRD: It's pretty wild, the range of emotions that I went through today. I started off feeling really, really good and really confident, and then I had kind of a nightmare start. I actually had to make some big putts to not completely play myself out of it after three holes.

Everything kind of worked out in the end, but it was a rollercoaster to get there. I'm pretty excited and proud of how I fought back starting from kind of hole 6 where I kind of turned it around.

And then playing with Adam Duncan all day was really awesome. He was a great competitor, super nice guy. To come out on top in the playoff on the last hole with probably the best iron shot of my life right at the pin, it was pretty special. I went through it all today and I can't wait to just sit down and take a deep breath.

Q. Playing with the lead and then you have that moment where you chip in, just what were you thinking there?

DANIEL SVÄRD: I was going through it at that point as well because Adam had just chipped in, slam dunked it and kind of shifted momentum a little bit.

So I really walked up on that 13th hole feeling like I needed to make something happen. I had an opportunity, kind of a straight uphill chip from probably 7, 8 yards and it went dead straight in the middle. That felt like what I needed, that was the boost to get me back in the game.

Q. The emotion poured out of you after the win. Where does that emotion come from and what's going through your head when you achieve this goal?

DANIEL SVÄRD: I think the emotions are again so hard to describe and so overwhelming. Like you've spent 15 years working for something that you don't even know what you're working towards besides wanting to be the best player that I can be. I think just standing here as the champion today, it got too much for me to handle a little bit and yeah, I just started thinking about everybody who supported me along the way, everybody watching from home, from where I went to school, everybody that I love, it's pretty awesome.

Q. You mentioned your parents in the ceremony. Just tell us about your parents,



what they mean to you and celebrating this with them.

DANIEL SVÄRD: Yeah, I got out of college and they followed me along for the first three events on the east coast of Canada. My dad hopped in to caddy for two of the tournaments where we made the cut, so that was pretty special to have him there for the start of it all.

They were with me at the start of everything and they got to see me play here. They couldn't make this trip unfortunately, it's a little long, but they're going to join me in two weeks for Victoria and Edmonton. So hopefully I can continue playing well and maybe they can see me play another good tournament.

Yeah, everything they've done for me, just hard to think about.

Q. What sacrifices have they made?

DANIEL SVÄRD: So much time, so much effort. I mean, I have a younger brother who's really tolerant of my golf. He had a lot of nights at home where me and my parents were out traveling in Europe and Sweden. Yeah, they've spent a lot of time and effort making sure everything's set up for me.

Q. How about the golf course in itself, what was the challenge like to try and do as best as you could on this thing for four days and then obviously one more hole?

DANIEL SVÄRD: Yeah, I think the golf course is one of the best courses I've played in terms of like architecture and the way they set it up to really challenge you mentally. It got firmer really quickly throughout the week. The first couple days we were landing shots with no problem, stopping it, ripping it back, and then this last day it was getting so firm and you really had to shift your entire mindset of how you played today.

I think the course and the tournament officials did a great job of really making sure that good shots were rewarded, smart play was rewarded, and then you needed a little bit of luck, which I got along the way.

Yeah, it was a tough challenge to see it go from kind of a gettable course; like on Monday I was feeling like this could be -- you could go low here. To shoot 70 in the final round, even par, absolutely fighting my back from 3 over early is a testament to a great course and a great setup.

Q. History will show the tournament was won on the 73rd hole, but I wonder if in a way you won the tournament by the fact you were able to stop the bleeding early on in your round and maybe how did you do that?

DANIEL SVÄRD: Yeah. Like I said, I got off to a good confident start and I felt really good. Then kind of made the two worst swings of the tournament back to back from the tee box and from the middle of the fairway. Put myself behind trees and I actually had to make a



seven- and eight-footer for bogey on both those holes. And I even bogeyed, I think I bogeyed 5 after a bad iron shot again from the tee box. It was perfect lies and there's no excuse to not hit a good shot.

I think I stepped up on 6 and I really just thought that this is, you know, my chance to really put the foot down and turn it around, and I did with a good drive to the front of the green, chipped it close and made birdie. After that I think I settled in and my swing got more fluid. I think I was a little tight going into those first couple holes. Yeah, that birdie on 6 really was the big difference maker.

Q. You said earlier in the week that you really like everything you've sort of seen about this place, the course, the city, the country, and now you have a special connection to this place, right? One that will never change. We've seen champions of this event often very quickly go on to bigger, better things. What's that like for you now as you maybe contemplate next steps and that sort of thing?

DANIEL SVÄRD: Yeah, I think all things Winnipeg are going to be special to me now. Then, like you said, it was easy to adjust to Canada, the people. The course feels very familiar to what I played growing up. Like this could be any course in Sweden except with way better greens.

Moving forward I think it's just going to still be the same kind of process that I've been going through my whole life. It's head down and work hard because there's no guarantee that I continue to play well. Even if I have my sights set on the next tour, I've got to earn it.

And guys out here are really good. I had to fight and play my absolute best this week to get it done. There's no guarantee we'll keep going up from here, but I'll just do my best.

Q. Speaking of going up, you moved up 104 spots on the points list to 16. How does that sort of change your (inaudible) for the final few tournaments?

DANIEL SVÄRD: With three or four tournaments left now, I guess I made the final event doing that, it's definitely going to change my mindset a little bit. I had my sights set on that Korn Ferry Tour promotion coming into the half year, but I knew it was going to be tough starting halfway through.

So I don't think I'm going to necessarily change the way I approach everything, but it's going to be at the back of my mind. Like everything is when you start playing golf, you start thinking, your brain starts going.

Yeah, I'm excited for what could come out of this and I'm just going to take it week by week and do my best.

Q. How are you going to celebrate this?



DANIEL SVÄRD: I'm going to celebrate with a five-hour car ride with my good friend Ben down in Minnesota. I would love to have a road beer, but I think that's illegal, so I don't know.

Yeah, we're going to drive for five hours, chat, talk about golf probably, and when I get to Minnesota for the next week, maybe I'll pour myself one Monday night.

Q. Ben Warian?

DANIEL SVÄRD: Yep, Ben Warian.

Q. What's the town you're from in Sweden?

DANIEL SVÄRD: Sorry?

Q. What's the town you're from in Stockholm?

DANIEL SVÄRD: It's called Viksjö, V-I-K-S-J-Ö.

Q. Is it 1:00 in the morning there now?

DANIEL SVÄRD: It should be seven hours ahead, yeah.

Q. Do you think you'll still have a lot of messages?

DANIEL SVÄRD: Oh, 100 percent. I think people are staying up. My parents are 100 percent staying up. I've probably got a couple buddies who stayed up, no problem. Then we'll see, maybe my grandma stayed up. Usually I see a text from her that said OK, I'm going to bed after 14 holes, I've had enough. Maybe she stayed up for this one.

