

**ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES**  
**9 October 2026**

**BEN KOHLES** (-9)



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**Q. Ben, bogey-free round highlighted by a front nine 29. What did you like about your second round 62?**

**BEN KOHLES:** Yeah, putted really well, made some nice ones, hit a couple close to start. Yeah, it was great to get off to that start. The front nine's definitely a lot easier than the back nine out here so feel like you've got to take advantage, something I didn't really do yesterday. Seeing the scores were decently low yesterday, just kind of went out there and tried to take advantage and was able to. So happy with the day and put myself in a good spot for this weekend.

**Q. Eagle on 6. Walk me through that one.**

**BEN KOHLES:** Yeah, just hit a good drive, had a 6-iron in, just kind of played it pretty smart out to the middle and there's a big hill, kind of took the ridge and got a little closer to 12, 15 feet or so and was able to roll that one in.

**Q. Any other birdies stick out in particular from your round today?**

**BEN KOHLES:** Sixteen was a bonus, I had 60 feet or so. It was playing long today with a little bit into the wind, so hit a solid shot just right side of the green, but kind of a tough two-putt and fortunate to catch the hole and go in.

**Q. Your third event of the fall, two top-10s. Where are you feeling most comfortable with your game?**

**BEN KOHLES:** Yeah, just continuing -- I really haven't had much of an off-week, with some guys not getting in the Playoffs, having five weeks off, I played a couple Korn Ferries after Wyndham and a Korn Ferry before Asheville so I feel like I'm just in mid-season form. Obviously been playing a lot of golf this year, probably more than I ever have. Yeah, it's been fun to obviously keep playing well. Yeah, feeling really good with my game and happy to see the scores continue to follow that.

**Q. What's been the big takeaway since you've had a good season kind of like you said bouncing between Korn Ferry Tour and here?**

**BEN KOHLES:** Yeah, I think always when you get a win, it's so hard to win no matter what tour you're playing on, so getting that win on the Korn Ferry really kind of catapulted this whole second half of the year for me. I played awesome golf pretty much every week since, so it's been fun to see a few weeks here and there not what I wanted but for the most part

really happy with everything and just going to keep riding the wave.

**Q. With your group, with Michael Kim and Keith Mitchell, what was it like to have a group also playing well?**

**BEN KOHLES:** Yeah, it's always tough to play with Keith. He's pretty much a pain every time I hang out with him, so just tried to stay away from him as much as I could. But yeah, Michael's great, it was good to feed off Michael. Just a shame to see Keith make so many putts. Don't think I'll have to play with him tomorrow, which is great. Yeah, that's it.

**Q. And final question, just announced Korn Ferry Tour, Michael Johnson's Tour Bound. What's it like to see him --**

**BEN KOHLES:** Yeah, I'm so proud of him. We've gotten to be really good friends over the last 10 years or so. We stayed together a lot this year and he's such a good player. I'm really -- it's really awesome to see him. He's played so good all year and I knew he was going to get it done early on.

**KEITH MITCHELL:** We're rooting for Michael, we love Michael. He can roll his.

**BEN KOHLES:** Yeah, it was great to see.

**Q. Keith, you're welcome to join on this question, too. What would you say how he's kind of stuck it out with this spirit?**

**KEITH MITCHELL:** Who's played longer, more consecutive years on Korn Ferry, Ben or Michael? You played nine?

**BEN KOHLES:** I think nine.

**Q. I need to phone Kevin Prise for a minute.**

**BEN KOHLES:** Maybe 10, so he beat me. Yeah, he's played so good all year.

**KEITH MITCHELL:** He's so good, it was a matter of time. Unfortunately, it took longer than maybe he wanted or anyone wanted, but we knew he was going to make it.

**BEN KOHLES:** Yeah, we did.

**KEITH MITCHELL:** We did.