

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

**KEITH MITCHELL (-11)**



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**Q. Keith, great round, birdie on the last to get to 65. How do you feel about your round today?**

**KEITH MITCHELL:** Great. Watching Ben shoot 29 on the front, I thought I played amazing and I lost to him, he played unbelievable. I really thought he was going to shoot 59 or 58, he was playing so good. It was great to have that momentum in the group and kind of feed off that, that helped.

I love it over here. It's always on my schedule, I love Japan. I think just the energy here just helps me play a little bit better for some reason.

**Q. The front and the back seem to be playing pretty differently. How would you characterize the two?**

**KEITH MITCHELL:** Two par 5s on the front, both are reachable. Then I wouldn't say a drivable par 4 but a really short par 4, No. 8, and then a bunch of wedges. Back nine has 11, which is really hard, the pin on 12 was brutal, 14's hard, 16's hard and 18's hard. It's just a complete switch. Especially with the tee up on 18, it can kind of make it more difficult. I didn't really know what to hit and I thankfully hit a good driver and was able to have a wedge and make birdie.

**Q. Yesterday you made par on 8 and 9, today you birdied both. What was the difference?**

**KEITH MITCHELL:** Good drives and good putts and good approach shots. Sorry, terrible answer.

**Q. This is your first start since FedEx; is that correct?**

**KEITH MITCHELL:** Yeah.

**Q. How have you been spending your time off or practicing back home?**

**KEITH MITCHELL:** I've been watching my wife be a great mom and I've been researching Tokyo restaurants.

**Q. Does being a dad change any perspective out here on the golf course?**

**KEITH MITCHELL:** I mean, a little. You're really excited when you get off the course. A little

different this week because they're asleep right now, but to see him, FaceTime if we're gone, gives you a little bit more -- I would say the lows are less low when you don't play well because you have a bright light of joy there.

**Q. And then you were just joking with Ben about Michael Johnson, but do you mind sharing some thoughts about your excitement for him to be Tour Bound?**

**KEITH MITCHELL:** Yeah, Michael's been an incredible player. It's not a surprise at all that he's going to make it on Tour. We all thought he would do it sooner, but it shows his determination, his grit that he was going to do it. He's been close before and sometimes it doesn't go as planned, but he'll be out here for a really, really, really long time now that he's going to be here.