ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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KIHEI AKINA (-11)

Q. Second round 64, what did you like about your round?

KIHEI AKINA: Yeah, I think I did most of the stuff pretty well. I feel like I chipped and putted it pretty well today. A little shaky into the greens. I felt like I missed a bunch of greens, having to chip a lot so that will be something to work on for the weekend. Yeah, I'm really happy with my play so far and looking forward to the weekend.

Q. Round highlighted by an eagle. Walk me through that one.

KIHEI AKINA: Yeah, we had about 287 to the front of the green and that's what I was trying to hit it. So just a nice roasted draw mini driver for me, landed in a perfect spot and rolled down to tap-in so that was a bonus for me.

Q. Where are you feeling the most comfortable in your game? You mentioned earlier about your putting being hot.

KIHEI AKINA: Yeah, I think once my ball-striking is where I want it to be, then the rest of my game just feels really complete. Obviously the chipping and putting are pretty good so far the past two days, but once I get my ball-striking where I want it to be, then I feel like I'll be good to go and ready to compete for the weekend.

Q. Fun grouping these past two days, also playing with Blades, who's playing well. What's it like to --

KIHEI AKINA: Yeah, that was awesome, awesome grouping the last two days. I never met Luke before so that was really fun to get to know him. He's a really cool guy. I've known Blades for a while. Yeah, just really fun grouping and I think that helped keep me kind of loose out there.

Q. And with making the weekend, you're 12th PGA Tour University accelerated point, how is this as you're reaching your goal closer to obtain 20?

KIHEI AKINA: Yeah, this helps obviously. I've just got to keep playing well and keeping my foot on the gas. Feel like I'm doing that pretty well this week.

Q. Just played Bermuda last week, too. How are you feeling getting starts? Are you feeling more comfortable as you're playing here on Tour?

KIHEI AKINA: Yeah, I think I'm feeling more comfortable with each round played. This is

my first time going from an event to another event, so back to back, it's a little bit different for me in that aspect. Yeah, I feel like every new tournament, every new round is a learning experience for me, and this one here was a really great experience for me so far.

Q. Have there been any other players like Jackson or any others you've kind of reached out to for advice that were in similar situations not too long ago?

KIHEI AKINA: I talked to Luke a little bit about that, he was in a similar position. It would be cool to kind of do what he did and that all kind of started with him playing well out here on the Tour, so yeah.

Q. Also, here at Vidanta have you gotten to do anything fun or exploring around here on property?

KIHEI AKINA: Yeah, we went to the amusement park a couple times. Went to the Cirque du Soleil show, that was awesome. Yeah, just the whole property here and the whole resort is just awesome to be around.

Q. Can you talk us through your chip-in on 18 and what you saw there?

KIHEI AKINA: Yeah, I felt good walking up to it. The chipping was pretty good all day so I just felt really comfortable over that and had a good feeling over it.

Q. How did it feel when it went in?

KIHEI AKINA: It felt great, it felt great. It's always nice to finish off with a birdie, so it felt great.