ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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NICK HARDY (-4)

Q. Big birdie there on the last to make the cut. Can you kind of talk us through emotionally what a relief that was to see that roll in?

NICK HARDY: I just found myself on the cutline so much recently. Before Bermuda I missed four cuts in a row by one. I just, you know, I'm getting more comfortable with my game I think, too, which is showing out there, especially with some shots that have made me uncomfortable or starting -- I'm starting to be more comfortable. Yeah, that last hole, it's not an easy birdie and to birdie that one, that makes me pretty proud.

Q. A little over nine feet on that one. What did you read on that?

NICK HARDY: It was a tough read because where that pin sits, it's on a little bit of a crown and I could tell by Ben's putt the grain was going left and I could tell by Kevin's putt his wiggled right on the other side. So I was kind of close to being dead into the grain. It honestly could have gone either way. I played it right side of the hole and it stayed there pretty much.

So it was a good putt, a really good putt. I had a short birdie putt on the previous hole about five feet and I just hit a poor putt, and to get that one to go in, it was awesome.

Q. One off the cutline with four to go, there are two par 5s in that stretch. Was there like frustration that you didn't get that --

NICK HARDY: For sure, but look, those par 5s are playing long today. Pretty much I hit driver, 3-wood into both of them but I was short, I didn't reach either of them. I was close. The pins were kind of tough on those holes and tough to get it close even when you're 30 yards from the green.

Look, like yeah, I may have made it a little harder on myself than I should, especially bogeying that par 3 on, what is it, No. 5 with a wedge in my hand, that one hurt. But to get it done on that last hole, that's one of the harder holes on that front nine so it feels good.

Q. Yesterday you said you told the rest of the group you'd play fast. Was that the same thing today?

NICK HARDY: Yeah, yeah, I definitely tried to keep it light for myself out there. Look, I'm extremely competitive, I'm extremely hard on myself. Golf, everybody likes to say the cliches about being in the right perspective or right mindset, but I feel like I'm a lot closer of being in my best form of mindset.

We do a lot to work hard and train on the physical stuff. I feel like I've done a lot harder to train on the emotional, like mental health stuff. I've just really been falling short in that regard the last four years of my career. It's just things that have popped up that never used to pop up for me, whether it's anxiety, stress, you know all that stuff. We deal with it every day, but it starts to bubble up when you're playing for your livelihood when you have a wife and a family to care for.

Q. A little bit of a chaotic last few days for you, getting in Wednesday afternoon. Do you feel like all that happening kind of freed you up once you're on the course?

NICK HARDY: For sure. That perspective stuff was easy for me this week. I mean, I did not expect to get in. Considering the circumstances with the vesting for the retirement and getting close to the end of season, getting that start was crucial for many reasons. And the perspective stuff, absolutely. I was able to really relax out there and tell myself, look, if it doesn't go my way for the weekend here, I've got a lot, a big goal done this year. Yeah, with limited status to get 15 events, it's pretty good but obviously got to play better.