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Q. Bogey-free day, bogey free this week.

BEN KOHLES: Yeah.

Q. Obviously today the numbers looked like everything's on point. You're driving it well. Obviously statistically speaking this is a golf course where a lot of people drive it well, but your irons were on point and your putter really came to life today.

BEN KOHLES: Yeah, yeah. Irons were a little off yesterday. But yeah, I mean, the fairways obviously are very generous out here so you should find most of the fairways.

And yeah, I obviously got away with one today, hit one bad drive and kind of got lucky. So took advantage of it and was able to make some putts, which is always nice.

Q. Easy to go around here. Some people at first glance if they're listening to our broadcast, watching on Golf Channel, they'll say there should be a lot of bogey-free rounds out there, but there's holes where you need to be careful about, right? One of them is No. 8, and I thought you made an amazing up-and-down there to keep it going. Walk us through that short side --

BEN KOHLES: Yeah, it was a little bit into the wind, which helped. It was one of those where you don't really want to get cute with it. You try to like fly it in the hole, that's kind of the idea. So you're trying to land it past and give yourself some room if you miss to come up a little short to still cover.

Yeah, hit it about eight, 10 feet and that was a nice one to roll in to keep the bogey-free streak.

Q. Two quick ones for you before we let you go, Dennis Paulson, our analyst this week, is talking about the 15th hole, the hole location today there. Is 15 as devilish as we think it is or is there any other hole locations out there that the guys in the afternoon are going to have to keep their head up?

BEN KOHLES: No, 15's not too bad. It looks like it's more of a false front, but it's really not too bad. It may roll to the first couple steps on.

No, the pin yesterday on 15 was definitely more challenging, and then when you get that back one it's pretty crazy. There's definitely -- like you said, there's three, four, five holes out here that you've really got to be careful on that par's a great score. And then obviously

you're in the fairway most holes so you should be able to take advantage of some of the others.

Q. All right. Before we let you go, have you got the family with you this week? This is an amazing place to do stuff off the golf course. I know you're in this golf tournament now and you have your eyes on a good weekend, as you should, but do you have time to do stuff with the family or anything off the golf course that's very native to the area as they say?

BEN KOHLES: I'm going to go check out that lagoon over there by where we're staying, it looks pretty cool. But the fam's not here this week. They're going to join me at RSM, so looking forward to that.

Q. Just curious, what parts of your game do you think have really taken off this year?

BEN KOHLES: I mean, the putter's just been a lot more consistent. I mean, I was just really kind of lost the last few years with the putter. It's like, you know, getting it in the hole's the name of the game. So it's like I feel like I'm hitting it the exact same as I've hit it the last five years, to be honest.

My iron play's always been super strong. Not the longest, hit a bunch of fairways all the time, hit a bunch of greens. It's like my game's always stress free-ish where I'm not making too many bogeys, it's really a matter of can I make enough birdies to kind of get in the hunt per se.

Like the guys I played with, they probably made more birdies than me, but obviously I played better, but you know what I mean? Like yeah, I think the putter's just been way more consistent, obviously made a lot more putts.

Q. What's changed on that front?

BEN KOHLES: I just started using Tim Yelverton, works with like Sepp and I think he's worked with Gotterup this year. So yeah, it just kind of gave me some answers.

I was just really lost because I've always been a great putter my whole life basically and I'd say the last like five years it's just kind of went downhill. I always kind of did it myself and it was where I just couldn't really find it. I'm always trying little things here or there and nothing seemed to be really -- I didn't know if what I was doing was helping or hurt, that kind of stuff.

So to have some like clarity of like OK, this is what you were doing, why you were feeling like this, and obviously it gets so easy to get mental when you don't have those answers, when you're trying to search for it.

So I think like the consistency of just having someone give you those answers and like, oh, the stroke's great, then it's just about you going out and whatever, making an aggressive

stroke, having simple thoughts.

Q. Mostly it's been setup issues just cleaned up?

BEN KOHLES: Yeah, I was just getting it a little open going back. So then I'm like, felt like long putts would get more exaggerated and I feel like I'm really like flipping it. So it's just like getting those answers really helped just give me confidence, I think that's the main thing.

Yeah, I don't know. Obviously confidence is pretty high. Yeah, I felt like yesterday was -- didn't have -- my irons weren't very good, but coming off a week off and just spending most of the time with the family, it's almost like a little rust but like knocking off pretty quick. I know it's like not far off or anything, I obviously played great.

Q. Speaking of that confidence, how gratifying has it been for you to bet on yourself and actually come --

BEN KOHLES: Yeah, a lot. I've talked to a few people. It's like as good as I played throughout this summer and obviously gave myself a couple chances, won on the Korn Ferry, didn't win at John Deere, but like as good as I played through Wyndham and still being like, man, I'm not locked at all either way, 96 on FedEx and like 18 on Korn.

I'm like, I know I'm playing great but you're still, you know, when you play really good it's kind of nice and validating when you feel like you've kind of secured your card or whatever it is.

So I was pretty happy with obviously sticking with the fall because I almost went to Columbus instead of Asheville. Obviously was right there in the final group in Asheville.

So yeah, just excited to just keep putting myself in those positions. I'm going to get it done one day. I don't know when it's going to be, but like I said, even the times you fail, obviously you're still learning a lot, even learning little things here and there when it doesn't happen, just a little one percent every day, that's kind of keep building and improving.