

ROUND 1 QUICK QUOTES
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KEVIN KISNER (-4)



Q. You've had a busy few weeks, your best finish of the season and then abroad in the booth and now back here. First off, how have the past few weeks been for you?

KEVIN KISNER: Busy. My kids are ready for me to come home. But no, it's been good. We knew this was going to be the busy stretch of the year. Hopefully continue to play well and play my way out of the booth.

Q. How is it then for you switching between analyst mindset and player mindset? Do you think being in the booth has helped you see the game differently or view your own rounds differently?

KEVIN KISNER: Not really. I try to use a player mentality when I'm in the booth and what they're thinking, what I'd be thinking and I think that's what the people resonate with is more somebody that's closer to the game, younger, knows all the guys and telling you what they're going through while they're trying to win a golf tournament.

Q. I know you said you really want to win. Is there anything else that's motivating you to keep playing?

KEVIN KISNER: Not really. I played so poorly for '23 and '24 I really just wanted to come back and show myself that I could still do it. The last few weeks have showed me that I can. I just want to get in the hunt one more time and see how I perform. The ISCO was great, I had a chance on the back nine, just couldn't get any putts to go, and obviously William played unbelievable. Yeah, I'd love to have a chance here the next couple weeks and if not, I'll go call the Playoffs for NBC and love that, too.

Q. Anything changes with the putter?

KEVIN KISNER: The putter? I started putting with a claw at some point this year and it sure has been a nice turnaround. I don't know why that changed. I felt awful over the putter for the last year and a half and missing a lot of short ones. I just grabbed it with a claw one day and started making the short ones. So I kind of branched it out a little bit like Scottie did, like Scottie does and I then I just went all way through the bag. So the ball's rolling like I remember it rolling and that's nice to see, so I don't know what it does but it feels nice.

Q. How do you describe this time in the season when the Playoffs are looming and guys are battling for every point? How do you describe that to people?

KEVIN KISNER: Well, it feels like high stress just from being around the guys. I don't really



view myself -- I've played so poorly, I haven't really thought about making the Playoffs. My schedule's been I'm going to call the Playoffs for NBC and just playing for myself. I see higher levels of tension for the guys. Obviously there's less (indiscernible) to play for, but making the Playoffs is such a huge deal, locks up your playing status for '26. Will be the most interesting year on the PGA TOUR in my opinion.

Q. How much are you -- how much time are you spending on being a vice captain right now?

KEVIN KISNER: More than probably any of my other jobs. It's a lot. We just communicate a lot. I don't do a lot of work, we just are in constant communication looking at things, trying to figure out what everybody's looking at, feeling. Whatever Keegan needs. I don't know what I'm doing as a vice captain, I just try to help out as much as I can. However you need me to help you, I'm there for you.

Q. Do you focus on the stats or are you more what you see?

KEVIN KISNER: I love the nerds, I love messing with them, I like testing what they come up with and seeing -- you know, there's so many variables and there's so many fluctuations in points, and we still have four golf tournaments until the first six are solidified, so there's just a lot up in the air. A lot of the guys in the 7 to 15, 18 range are all talking to us, so we love that. We feel like we have a good group of guys that are still relevant out here, and know the guys well enough that they're going to talk to us normally.

Q. How many bat jokes have you gotten in the last week?

KEVIN KISNER: I've had quite a few. I still can't get over that people were making fun of me for that. I was making fun of Dan who reacted in the weirdest way ever while I was just hiding from the bat, what you should do because they have rabies. So people who made fun of me for not being an outdoorsman, I was like actually I'm showing you how much smarter I am than most people by hiding from it.

