

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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BEN KOHLES (-11)



Q. How would you compare that round to yesterday's round?

BEN KOHLES: Yeah, I mean, obviously not as good as yesterday, but yeah, still played just fine. Just, you know, got off to a good start and then, yeah, kind of just had a couple chances kind of let slip away. Hit some really good shots though in there and gave myself some good looks, didn't just quite make them today. Hit good putts, just didn't go in. So I said keep going.

Wow, he made it. That's sick. Yeah, 62, there's a 59. I guess 62 wasn't as good.

Yeah, obviously the course is still a little scorable. You know, I mean I think the wind's supposed to blow a little bit harder this afternoon, so just see what happens.

Q. Ben, speaking of three of the first five holes birdied and then the rain and the wind kind of picked up, did that kind of stop any momentum you had there just kind of navigating that?

BEN KOHLES: Yeah, I mean, it's easy to say after the fact but not really. Felt good the whole time. Yeah, just had, like I said, a couple par 5s like I would kind of like back, but that's what we just keep the pedal down and try again tomorrow.

Q. Playing in a twosome today. Your back nine score, your incoming nine score reflects differently from your outward nine. First group out in a twosome --

BEN KOHLES: Yeah.

Q. -- how did that affect you if at all?

BEN KOHLES: Yeah, like I said, I didn't feel any different. You're obviously just kind of waiting around. Usually you have a little bit better of a groove. I don't think it affected it too much, just didn't execute on a couple shots and didn't hole some putts. But like I said, happy with where the game's at.

Q. You just reacted to Michael making that putt to shoot 59. Were you paying attention to that leaderboard and seeing what he was doing out there?

BEN KOHLES: No. I saw just the last hole where he was at, but I had no idea what he shot yesterday. When we got in scoring obviously found out that he was playing good and had a chance for 59. Yeah, watched him hit his wedge shot in there. Didn't get to see it but



obviously just heard the roar. Yeah, it's pretty cool. I shot 59 once in my life and it was pretty cool. I holed a long putt on the last hole. So I'm sure he's feeling pretty good.

Q. Where did you do that?

BEN KOHLES: Frederica in Sea Island. Just a casual round.

Q. Did you win the money?

BEN KOHLES: I won the money.

Q. Ben, you were talking about putting today and on the back nine, how were the greens on there and how did that affect your shots for birdie?

BEN KOHLES: Yeah, no, they were great. Obviously going first out, our front nine couldn't be any better. There's nothing to fix, everything's as good as it gets.

Yeah, the back nine, they're still great. Not many people have obviously walked on them. Yeah, like I said, just I'm trusting my reads and hitting them. Sometimes they go in, sometimes they don't. Just going to keep doing that.

Q. And you mentioned about the wind picking up this afternoon. How was it this morning?

BEN KOHLES: Honestly, it felt like it was a little more gusty early on and then I guess when that rain came a little bit it kind of laid down a little bit. I mean, it still was tricky flipping back and forth. It's not like it's crazy windy out there. Blowing a solid 8 to 10 I'd say and maybe gusting a little higher, but nothing crazy.

Q. I'm just interested like when you shot 59 even in a casual round, were the feelings any different than being in a competition round and being in that situation do you think?

BEN KOHLES: No, yeah, same feelings as like trying to win a tournament really.

Q. Just because --

BEN KOHLES: Yeah, you're trying to win or you're trying to shoot 59 instead of trying to just let it happen. Yeah, that's where the mental skills of just trying to stay in the moment and focus on what you've been doing so well, just kind of let it happen, like I said.

