

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES
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JACKSON KOIVUN (-20)



Q. Jackson, 61 today, set a course record on the back nine with 8 under, which included a couple of eagles. Can you walk us through those eagles on 12 and 18?

JACKSON KOIVUN: Yeah. I mean, the eagles definitely helped. Hit a great 3-wood into 12 that kind of set up a great look at eagle and was able to kind of capitalize. Then 18, just hit three great shots that I was really happy with and just happy that putt went in.

Q. Three rounds in, how are you feeling?

JACKSON KOIVUN: I'm feeling great. Excited, ready for tomorrow. It's going to be definitely a test tomorrow. I'm sure some of the pins will be tucked and we've got a lot of great players behind me, but just going to stick to my game plan and try to smile.

Q. You seem very relaxed and poised out there. Is that your normal when you're playing? Do you tense up at all?

JACKSON KOIVUN: Yeah, I definitely felt a little bit of nerves and tension going into maybe 14, but just kind of did a nice little mental reset and just got right back into the flow state, which is nice.

Q. Jackson, were you thinking -- you really had to have your foot on the gas here. Is there any pressure in that or does it seem like low isn't low enough, you've just got to keep going?

JACKSON KOIVUN: Yeah, I mean, exactly what you said, just got to keep the foot on the gas. After 12 and 13 I saw myself at No. 1 and I make two pars and I'm back to T-1, which is kind of a mental reset for me going into 16, 17, 18. Was able to hit a couple good shots in those and kind of put myself in position for tomorrow.

Q. Speaking of eagles, your college mascot, the slogan is War Eagle. How has your success at Auburn prepared you for moments like this?

JACKSON KOIVUN: Yeah, I mean, playing at Auburn was so much fun. We were definitely put in some stressful situations at National Championships and just collegiate play. Just trying to lean on those experiences to try to go out there and execute tomorrow.

Q. Are you past the pinch-me (inaudible) of what I did or are you doing what you expect of yourself?



JACKSON KOIVUN: Yeah. I mean, at the end of the day all I can do is go out there and hit a good shot. If I can do that, I can go play well. Obviously 61 is great. Just excited to be able to go out there and shoot my personal best.

Q. And how does it feel to go against some of these guys that you idolized growing up? Tell me a little bit more about your experiences with your fellow competitors this week.

JACKSON KOIVUN: Yeah, it's been great. I definitely grew up looking up to some players, but it's definitely a mental change that now they're my competitors. It's just building relationships with some veterans that I can build information off of and just kind of grow in that aspect.

Q. What's it like looking down the board at Scottie?

JACKSON KOIVUN: He's obviously the best in the world for a reason and I'm sure he's going to go up there and put a good number and get in contention.

