

BMW CHARITY PRO-AM
ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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BEN GRIFFIN (-17)

Q. Ben, what an incredible day for you, putting on a show out there. Talk about your day and some highlights that stuck out to you.

BEN GRIFFIN: Yeah, it was just a really solid day all around. Kept it in the fairway for the most part, leaving it on the right side of the greens and made the putts that I needed to from inside 15 feet to have a day like today, so have everything kind of clicked. One bogey on the last, it is what it is, but I'm going to bounce back from that tomorrow and get after it again.

Q. What was your favorite shot of the day today?

BEN GRIFFIN: I burned the edge from I think it was 111 on hole No. 8, or 7, sorry, 7. I landed it past and spun it back and it almost went in, so I had a little tap-in for birdie, so that was probably my best shot of the day.

Q. Love that. It says one thing to play one course well all week, but you've played two courses well, you're in the top 3 now heading into tomorrow. What does it mean for you to be in this position going into Sunday?

BEN GRIFFIN: It just shows that my game can stack up against the best. It's just very rewarding to be in this position. And going into the week I was on the fence of whether or not I wanted to play. I've been wanting to take a week off somewhere, but unfortunately, I barely missed qualifying for the U.S. Open on Monday up in Maryland, so I flew down. I'm still an alternate, I think I'm third alternate in the U.S. Open.

But I didn't play the other golf course on Tuesday, I only played Thornblade, so I really went in blind the first round and was able to come out with a good score. My caddie helped me out a ton, Alex. Just kind of kept the pedal down the last two days. Didn't make as many birdies as yesterday, but kind of made up for that today.

Q. How much are you going to draw back from Colombia? You've been in this position before. Wasn't what you want the outcome to be, but how much will you look back on that weekend going into tomorrow?

BEN GRIFFIN: Yeah, a little bit. You know, learned a lot from that week. The key for me is just staying patient and not trying to change too much or force anything. It helps a ton compared to some other guys to have a little experience from the season being in contention down the stretch. Really Bogota and also Florida the next week, I mean I was sitting on the last tee with a chance to win at both events. So to be in that position again hopefully

tomorrow, I feel like I'm ready and ready to give it a go.

Q. Literally a year ago you were sitting at a desk, a mortgage officer. If someone walked up to you and said, hey, a year from now you're going to be in contention on Sunday, what would you have told them?

BEN GRIFFIN: I mean, I don't even know. Like thinking back to then, there's always a thought in the back of my mind maybe I should keep giving this a go because I'm so young. Really, financially, I wasn't in that position and there was just some people that stepped up and really believed in me and believed in me more than myself. So to have that really motivate me this fall to get status. And then, I mean, people talk about pressure all year long and pressure to get your tour card, but really the pressure comes a little bit at Q-School, and I really felt so comfortable because I had been in that position before and got my card and really this whole season it's been very relaxing. It does help that I got off to a really good start, but even at the start of the year I was just very fresh and ready to go with a fresh mindset. So everything's kind of clicked and I'm just trying to keep everything the same and keep going, see how long I can make this last. Hopefully, forever.

Q. Whenever you're playing well like this, do you think that you take it in more for yourself or people that have been supporting you? Does it mean more to you or do you think to for them?

BEN GRIFFIN: No, I think about it all the time. I have a journal that I write in. Going back to Bogota, I was actually getting like emotional. The morning before I was like honestly writing like thank-you letters and like thank-you speeches for what I was going to say when I won. Unfortunately, I didn't win and didn't win the next week, but there's so many people I can thank. It means a lot to me to try to make it, but it means more for me to do it for all the people that support me because that's why I'm here. Without their belief, I wouldn't be in this position and I'm just excited to keep going and see how far I can take it.

Q. There's two things on the line tomorrow, a win and a PGA Tour card, but I heard you say you're not thinking about that tour card right now, you're thinking about the win. Can you kind of just touch on that a little bit?

BEN GRIFFIN: Yeah. I mean, the moment I start thinking about a tour card, it's just going to lead to negative thoughts that aren't going to help me play my best. So there's a lot at stake, but in reality I'm just blessed to be playing golf and to be able to do this for a living. It's pretty cool. So I'm going to be super comfortable out there tomorrow, like we talked about just being there before. Yeah, there's a little bit on the line, but really I'm trying to knock the door down and get the first win and I feel like I'm ready.

Q. Do you have anyone out here watching you this weekend?

BEN GRIFFIN: Yeah. My girlfriend, Dana, is here, and then my mom, Erica Griffin, and then my German au pair that took care of me from when I was like 2 until 8, she's been -- she

worked in Greenville for five years. She's been back in Germany, but she flew in this week to kind of hang out and have fun. So they all followed today, so it was really cool to have them by my side.

Q. What does it mean to have them here with you, supporting you, watching you potentially almost have your first win?

BEN GRIFFIN: Yeah, it means a lot. It's family and people that are really close to me in my life. To have them by my side and have their support, it means the world to me and I hope I can do something special with them here, so see what happens.