

## Final-Round Transcripts | Final Stage | Monday, November 7, 2022

### **Bo Hoag (-14, Medalist)**

City Plays From: Jupiter, Florida | Turned Pro: 2011 | College: Ohio State University

*On being medalist at Final Stage of the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament...*

“I mean, these things aren't easy. I haven't had to play Q-school in awhile, which has been nice. I've had a couple good years on the PGA TOUR and got my card off the Korn Ferry Tour. I kind of had to knock the rust off of the ole Q-school mentality. It's cool, I talked to my family after and said, 'hey, I won Q-school.' I don't know how many thousands of people that sign up for Q-school probably. To be the last guy standing, it's definitely a really gratifying finish.”

*On the mental process of having to earn status through Q-school again...*

“It's hard. I wish I was just finishing up Mayakoba where they just played. I love going there. It's such a nice place and I've played well there. It stings a little bit to see those guys and not be there. This year, I didn't have my best season by any stretch. I had a couple good weeks here and there, but I think as much as I want to be on the PGA TOUR right now this fall and playing out there, I probably need to go to the Korn Ferry Tour and spend the season out there and kind of really reestablish my game. Hopefully I come back out on the PGA TOUR and have my game ready to compete when I get back out there. So it's a great opportunity every week on the Korn Ferry Tour, and it's probably what I needed. It'll be great.”

*On what he finished in FedExCup standings this season...*

“Oh boy, I don't even know what it was. Probably around 170, or something like that. I played out of the 126 to 150 category this past season which has its challenges. It's not a full season so you're trying to play catchup. It'll be nice just to have a season and know what I'm getting and reestablish my game and be ready to come back out on the PGA TOUR.”

*On the key to staying positive after losing PGA TOUR status...*

“All I can say is it's a great opportunity every week to prove to yourself what you're capable of. For me, I'm looking forward to having the opportunity on the Korn Ferry Tour and the opportunity to prove to myself that I can get into contention and hopefully get to where I want to be.”

*On what it's like to win a tournament in a sport where it is so difficult...*

“I'd like to stand up here and say that I've had 20 worldwide wins or something like that, but for me, when I've done well and have been able to punch it through and win a tournament, it kind of just happens. They say it's a process, and it kind of is. For me, it's just kind of hitting the one shot at a time. I know it sounds cliché, but really just staying in the process of hitting those shots one shot at a time. It just kind of happens. I looked up at the leaderboard a couple times on the back nine today and saw I had a pretty good chance. It was a blast coming down 17. I hit a good one there to five feet and made it. Then hit a good shot into 18 and a two-putt was good enough to win the tournament, so it was stressful for sure, but it's a good stress.”

*On who he plays/practices with at home (Jupiter, Florida)...*

“I'm fortunate to play at The Bear's Club with a lot of guys down there. It's funny, when you get out there, you pick up your range balls. It's nice enough where you have your own. Like if you play Titleist, I play Pro V1X, they have all my Pro V1Xs in a bag with my name on it. Some other guys play Srixon and they have theirs.”

“At the end of the day, you put your bag back in this little spot and the guys are nice enough to sort the balls. You drive home for the day and you're going past that and you see Keegan Bradley and Rory's bags there, and Shane Lowry's bag is there and Dustin Johnson. It's just who's who. It's kind of cool we have a little bit of a fraternity there. The Bear's Club in Jupiter, that's where I play. So I have two really good places to go practice and play.”

*On if his range balls are customized...*

“A lot of guys just write their name on them in sharpie.”

*On if they write their names on every range ball...*

“Yeah, because that's the only way they can tell. It's the only way they can tell who is whose. If you just say you play Pro V1X, there are going to be 20 in there and they'll be sorting through trying to figure it out.”

*On his thoughts of PGA TOUR cards being available through Q-school beginning in 2023...*

“I think it makes it more exciting to have a chance. Maybe your season didn't work out or you didn't play great the whole year, you have an opportunity to go through Q-school and earn your PGA TOUR card. So it's nice to have that. I'm thankful for always having the opportunities that the TOUR provides. If you had a season on the Korn Ferry Tour next year and you don't play great, you can really buckle down and say, "I'm going to play a really good Q-school and I have a good opportunity to get my card there." I think it's an exciting opportunity.”

*On being the last medalist at Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament...*

“That's true, I didn't even think about that. That kind of sticks with people when they've won Q-school. Whether it was PGA TOUR or Korn Ferry Tour, you can say you won a stressful event. It's kind of cool that you can say, ‘Hey, I won. Not only got my card, but I won.’”

*On players being on edge in this event...*

“Yeah, it's cool, it's different. It's a stressful thing.”