

LAKE CHARLES CHAMPIONSHIP
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TREVOR WERBYLO (-18, won third playoff hole v. Seonghyeon Kim)

Q. Trevor, you can call yourself a Korn Ferry Tour champion. How does that feel?

TREVOR WERBYLO: It feels amazing. I don't know if it totally has sunken in yet, but it's so special. To play this well and to win any tournament is huge, but to win on the Korn Ferry Tour, the implications of it are huge. It's very satisfying.

Q. You've been close before. Talk about coming off last week, heading into this week. Did you use that for motivation a little bit?

TREVOR WERBYLO: Yeah, I did. Last week was disappointing just the way I finished the tournament, but it was still a good week. My game felt great, so it's kind of motivation to come back this week and get in that same position with a chance to win. If it happened, it happened. If not, you know, just being there. If you're putting yourself there enough, you're going to win some tournaments, and fortunately I was able to and played great this weekend. It's nice to bounce back this quickly and get a victory. It's been a fun couple weeks.

Q. Talk about those two birdies that you had coming in today.

TREVOR WERBYLO: I made a sloppy bogey on No. 16 and then to make like a 30-footer on No. 17 was huge, kind of got the momentum back.

I knew No. 18 is gettable and to make birdie there was huge. You've got to expect your opponent to play great. I expected him to make a couple birdies, and he did. To then make a couple birdies in the playoff, make some putts, it was... I was putting it well. I just felt confident over every putt I hit the last couple holes, including the playoff.

Q. Let's talk about that second -- or the shot here from behind the grandstands (on the second playoff hole). At any point were you like, I'm out of this?

TREVOR WERBYLO: No, because I knew it actually wasn't that bad over there. You're chipping back into the wind, I had green to work with. There was stuff I had to go over and there wasn't a great view of where I was hitting to, but I knew I was okay.

Hit it a little too far. Yeah, I was trying to kind of hit it further left than I did the first playoff hole. I think it hit the cart path and that's how it got so far up there. Ended up having to take a drop basically behind the green where I was thinking if I was a little short and left of the green, it would have been an easy place to chip from. Fortunately, was still able to have a

chip shot that I could get close. I hit it a little too far, but then it rolled up, it was pretty sweet.

Q. Let's talk a little bit about what PGA TOUR U has done for you getting you to this point today.

TREVOR WERBYLO: It's huge. I owe a lot to that system. It's a phenomenal system to get guys that have played well in college into the professional ranks.

I think through the first year almost all the guys that were ranked inside the top 15 are having some pretty good success. I think it only makes sense because every other sport, you play great in college and you have a path to professional sports. Now that golf is doing that, it's phenomenal.

Q. So at the beginning of the season, did you know looking ahead that your win was going to come this soon? Did you expect it?

TREVOR WERBYLO: You never know. I've had a lot of confidence in myself and I knew I could compete out here and I could win, but with golf, you never know.

I guess maybe a little part of me that is a little surprised it happened this quickly, but another part of me knew I could do it. That's why I play the game. That's why I work really hard. To get a victory this early in the season, set myself in a great position going forward, yeah, I'm thrilled.

Q. How special is it to have your dad be such a big part of this over the past two years?

TREVOR WERBYLO: It's awesome that he's been able to be on the bag for now both my two professional wins. I know he enjoys it, being close to the action. I think it keeps it a little more casual. I'm fairly reserved or low key, I'm not talking a whole lot, so there's not a whole lot of interesting things that are going on between us on the golf course, but it definitely keeps me a little more comfortable. For him to be here, let alone be on the bag, is awesome. Very excited for him as well.

Q. What kind of words of wisdom did he give you, especially during the playoff?

TREVOR WERBYLO: When we were driving back to No. 18, he was like, let's go do it again. Just birdied my last two holes basically to get into the playoff. He was like, all right, let's play some more golf.

Q. Do you feel like you got momentum back after you got out of trouble on the second playoff hole?

TREVOR WERBYLO: In playoff or whatever, you know, he had a putt, like a 6- or 7-footer on the first hole and I couldn't control that. If he makes that, then we're not standing here.

To that point, yeah, there's part of me that's like, it's over. And he misses it and I make that putt. I think, okay, maybe I just won it, but then he makes it. It's like you've got to just try and stay as even keeled as possible.

Making that putt was huge and I gained momentum. Standing over the putt on the third (playoff) hole, it definitely gave me more confidence. I looked at it and felt like I could put a good stroke on it, and saw it rolling right in the center.

Q. Is there something to be said about wanting to make a putt versus needing to make a putt? Do you feel the second playoff hole you needed to make that because he was tight on the first one, whereas not say it's easier but maybe there's less pressure the fact that you know you need to instead of want to?

TREVOR WERBYLO: Yeah, I think so. Sometimes you can try too hard, get out of your routine, or you just try and force it too much sometimes and that can be a detriment. It doesn't matter if the next one doesn't matter, I think that can definitely help if you're just solely focused on making the putt. Honestly, each of the three birdie putts I had it was like make it or go home. When you know you have to make it and everything, it maybe takes some of the doubt or you know exactly what you've got to do.

Q. Is this the best, like especially the last two weeks, that you've played do you think in your life?

TREVOR WERBYLO: I think so, yeah, just from a consistency standpoint. There's been sort of aspects of my game that have been better at certain times, or even times that I've hit it better. Putting and short game is probably as good as it's been ever, but then pairing that with also hitting it well, top to bottom my game has felt great these last two weeks.

Q. And then the winning putt, you dreamed I'm sure growing up of having that putt to win a tournament. Is the dream, was the reality better than the dream, or I'm sure you've practiced that?

TREVOR WERBYLO: When I made it, I was figuring we were still going to play some more golf, so it wasn't like once I made it, I won, so it was a little different. I was a little maybe annoyed with the chip shot I hit. It wasn't that hard of a chip shot and just hit a really poor chip shot. The putter bailed me out. So when I made it, I didn't know that was to win, but then when he missed it, it kind of sunk in.

Q. I would just love to hear you give a sentiment to your son today and how proud you are of him.

ROGER WERBYLO (Father / Caddie): Absolutely proud of him. And the biggest thing was the way he won. It was just clutch after clutch. When you come in on No. 17 and No. 18 on the regular part of it, making the long putt on No. 17 and then on No. 18 again and then in

the playoffs. The birdie from the bushes, they call it?

TREVOR WERBYLO: It wasn't that bad. It looked bad, but honestly, I thought I could get closer than I did.

ROGER WERBYLO: Well, but then you saved yourself with the putt. Unbelievably proud and especially the way you did it, what you had to go through to win it.

Q. Roger, you've seen him play your whole life, him growing up. What is it like being inside with him and seeing him achieve his biggest win in his life and you got to be there like step for step?

ROGER WERBYLO: Oh, it's exciting. It's really a privilege to be there because I can talk to him and see firsthand his choices and what he's doing. I don't know. You just get a better feeling, too for what he's feeling, what he's going through... even though sometimes he doesn't express it. I can tell just walking with him as opposed to being on the other side of the ropes. It's a lot better being there.

Q. Was there a pre-negotiated cut and percentage that he was getting or is that still being negotiated?

ROGER WERBYLO: Well, it's already been negotiated and my cut's always the same whether he wins or loses.

TREVOR WERBYLO: I try and pay him, but he doesn't want money. He doesn't want it.

ROGER WERBYLO: Well, he's paid me with pride.

TREVOR WERBYLO: He's a bargain.