

LAKE CHARLES CHAMPIONSHIP
ROUND 3 INTERVIEW
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GEORGE CUNNINGHAM (-14)

Q. George, I know it wasn't the finish that you wanted, but 5-under's still a great day, how are you feeling right now?

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM: I feel great. Yeah, a little bummed out with the finish there. I had a wedge in my hand on the last and just made a mistake. It happens. But at the same time, I made a really clutch up-and-down on No. 16 for par after a poor tee shot. I could have bogeyed there, parred No. 18, it would have been the same score. I feel like I'm in a really good spot and the game feels really good, so I'm looking forward to tomorrow.

Q. What about the course today? How was it playing?

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM: Pretty good. I thought it was pretty similar to the last few days. Wind was about the same, so I felt pretty comfortable out there with the wind direction and the speed of it. I felt like I was in a good spot to play well.

Q. So what's the game plan for tonight heading into the final round tomorrow?

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM: I might go hit a couple balls again. It worked yesterday, so I might go do it again. Just get some rest, get some food and really get some rest. Make sure I'm good and rested for tomorrow.

Q. We talked about this, but kind of touch again on being in contention yesterday and again today, just how it feels to be in this place heading into Round 4.

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM: It's really exciting. It's what we all play for. After a few rough tournaments, it's always a really fun time to be in contention and actually playing. This is why we play, and this is the rush that you get when you're playing well.

Q. What are you most looking forward to learning about yourself tomorrow?

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM: Just seeing how I play. This will be, I think, the second time I've been in the final group on Sunday. Last time I played well. I just didn't make many putts. I'm looking forward to seeing how I handle it. The way my game feels and the way I feel, I feel like it would be a good day tomorrow.

Q. Are you staying at the casino hotel?

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM: I am not, I'm staying at an Airbnb.

Q. Is that on purpose?

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM: Yes. I travel with my parents and we like to cook a lot, so we stay where we can always have a kitchen.

Q. With golfers and their penchant for gambling, is it tough having the tournament right next to a casino?

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM: Most guys would probably say yes. I have done well to avoid casinos because it's not probably the best habit to get into.

Q. You said you play cards with your dad. What games do you usually play?

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM: The game we play, we play solely euchre. I played it forever and it's great. Last year we had a buddy that traveled with us and we played four-man euchre. We only have three-man euchre, which isn't quite as much fun but still gets the job done.

Q. Quarters or dollars or something?

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM: We play for nothing, just solely pride. Just pride.

Q. Who's the best player?

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM: Unfortunately, my dad.

Q. He's also a very good putter, which we found out.

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM: Yes, he is. He's played a little bit, but he's always just been a really good putter. We have putting contests, which is probably slightly against the rules, but nobody said anything to us yet. Some weeks I win, some weeks he wins.

Q. Can you touch a little bit about like the competition that you face week in and week out on the KFT?

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM: I think competition here, that's second-best in the world as far as the players go. The [DP World] Tour has a lot of great players, but I think our fields are as deep or deeper than theirs are. It's a confidence builder when you are playing well because you know you're playing against some of the best players in the world.

Q. Is it nice that you're going to be going off almost two, three hours earlier than probably expected?

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM: It really wasn't going to bother me, because it's in my routine on days like that, like I did today, to come out in the morning and practice. That usually keeps

my mind occupied on what I'm doing. Then I'll go back and rest a little bit and get ready for the day.

Today I went home and watched some... there was a pickleball tournament going on in Austin and I watched that on live YouTube. It got my mind off it. I don't think it's an advantage or disadvantage to be teeing off earlier.

Q. When you leave the course, do you and your dad talk the round?

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM: Like after the round?

Q. Yeah.

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM: Absolutely. And then my mom films my rounds, so we usually watch that and kind of dissect and look at things. She's done that since I was a kid. That's usually what we do.

Q. I heard she caught an awesome ace on accident once, right, like filming someone make a hole-in-one?

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM: Yeah. She filmed the guy. Was it [Erik] Barnes? He made an eagle and then the very next hole my mom's like, hey, I feel he's going to make a hole-in-one, and just happened to film him.

Q. Has she made any really cool shots of you, like I'm talking hole-in-one or --

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM: I've had a couple. I think I've had three holes-in-one on the Korn Ferry (Tour) and she's got them all. Then one of them she got a really good view of the hole, it going in.