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**LUCAS GLOVER**  
**MICHAEL SIMS**



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**MARK WILLIAMS:** Like to welcome Lucas Glover and Michael Sims to the interview room here at the Butterfield Bermuda Championship. We've got you in here together because we just wanted to talk a little bit first of your relationship together, how that started.

**MICHAEL SIMS:** We met in Dothan, Alabama, on the driving range at Robert Trent Jones Trails. We were playing in the Future Masters together at the same time, maybe about 13, 14.

**LUCAS GLOVER:** Yeah, 13, I think.

**MARK WILLIAMS:** How did the friendship sort of start? Did you just bump into each other?

**MICHAEL SIMS:** I went to go get a bucket of balls and there was this giant right there, because I was a little dude. I remember walking back and going, who's that guy? They were like, that's Lucas. I was like, great. Is he 16 or 17? They're like, no, he's in your age group. I'm like, what am I going to do? That's kind of how I remember it.

**LUCAS GLOVER:** Yep.

**MICHAEL SIMS:** He was hitting wedges into holes, I was hitting 3-woods into holes.

**LUCAS GLOVER:** About right then.

**MARK WILLIAMS:** What was your first impression?

**LUCAS GLOVER:** Same thing, who was that little guy?

Yeah, that was the first time we really met, and then reconnected in college where he was at URI, University of Rhode Island, I was at Clemson obviously. We would get paired in tournaments and then regionals occasionally and we'd see each other in the summers after school playing in the amateur tournaments, just started hanging out.

Got real close right after college. We started traveling together doing the Monday qualifiers trying to get either on the Korn Ferry Tour or on the Tour. Did that for, what, a year solid.

**MICHAEL SIMS:** You did it for a year.

**LUCAS GLOVER:** Yeah.



**MICHAEL SIMS:** We went in different directions.

**LUCAS GLOVER:** Fair, fair. But yeah, we basically traveled the country together, and another guy, Chris Wisler, all trying to get our feet wet and get going and do the Mondays.

**MICHAEL SIMS:** That was kind of smart, too, because we signed with the same management group.

**LUCAS GLOVER:** Yep, all three of us.

**MICHAEL SIMS:** Now we're still connected to the same person that we signed with.

**LUCAS GLOVER:** Yeah.

**MARK WILLIAMS:** Different levels of success obviously, the way things worked out. I'm just saying --

**MICHAEL SIMS:** Are we judging here?

**MARK WILLIAMS:** No, but that relationship's continued and obviously still going. I understand you've caddied for Lucas one or two times in Tour events, but now you're he playing together in a tournament again and that's kind of cool, so reconnecting. What's this week been like for you guys getting together again?

**MICHAEL SIMS:** It's super special for me. This is something we were talking about 20 years ago, you know. We were trying to do the same thing. He obviously went on a little different trajectory than I did.

That being said, everything happens for a reason and it's funny how this game kind of always has kept us connected. But beyond the game of golf, the friendship that I've had, that we've shared over the years is second to none. When I stopped playing, there was only two humans that stayed in touch with me in the game, one was him and one was Mac Barnhardt. So that speaks volumes to me as to, you know, the type of person he is. There's a lot of respect, there's a lot of -- we've shared a lot of really good times.

**MARK WILLIAMS:** Mac being the agent.

**MICHAEL SIMS:** Yeah, yeah.

**LUCAS GLOVER:** Yeah, no, last year was the first one. I was supposed to be here a couple years ago and had some shoulder stuff going so I had to pull out and was pretty bummed about that.

Last year, came over and we played Tuesday, same thing yesterday. Hung out with his



folks, got to catch up with them last year a good bit, they had us over for dinner. They've always treated me like family and vice versa.

So yeah, Michael's great. He's my realistic, knowledgeable golf friend. Like he knows, he's been doing it, he's played. Now that he's on the other side of it, when I call and talk, it's, how'd you play, I played all right, well, get 'em tomorrow, what's going on in life.

It's very refreshing to have a friend in the business that understands that it's never that far off, it's never -- you know, one good shot and you're back on track, or you hit one bad shot and you're going the other way. We talk more about our families and our lives. It's refreshing. He's always been there for me.

I had a couple opportunities to caddie and he said absolutely, never paused, and we just, we have a great time. You know, friendship's real and it will be lifelong, for sure.

**MARK WILLIAMS:** Just touching on that a little bit, you said the game is fickle and it changes so rapidly. You were here last year playing in this tournament and quite remarkably changed, a year later coming back again with two victories, you're the highest ranked player in the field. For you, what's that been like? And I guess the question for you, Michael, is how much inspiration does that give you seeing your friend do that?

**LUCAS GLOVER:** Well, he's an integral part of that, honestly. The RockSports, Rock empire, the management group, they've kind of, they've taken a different approach to Tour players now, getting players on Tour. It's more of a performance based as opposed to being an agent.

Michael and Mac have been an integral part of my success. Just this game's hard and they've never wavered in their support, never wavered in their love, never wavered in their you're going to get through this, you're going to play better eventually, eventually, eventually.

So yeah, coming here after the success it's even more special because I know how much Michael helped me and how much he's just stayed positive, stayed real with me. That's a big part of why I'm here as the ranked player that I am, or that's -- I don't remember the statistic you just said, but yeah, he's been a huge part of that.

**MARK WILLIAMS:** Michael, an inspiration for you seeing what he's done, but this is your -- this will be your fifth start in the event, your first time as a sponsor exemption, qualified all the other times.

**MICHAEL SIMS:** Yeah.

**MARK WILLIAMS:** Got to make it to the weekend this week. What do you need to do to get to that point this weekend?

**MICHAEL SIMS:** Play better.



It's been -- yeah, it's very inspirational to see what he's been through. To be on the other side of it with Mac, I mean, I can't tell you the nights that we're sitting there just discussing what do we all got to do. I think that's the best part is the team approach to this whole thing. Ultimately, he's got to do it. Like forget about us, he's the one that's got to go out there and do it. I think another huge player to that is Jason Kinnen (sp?)

**LUCAS GLOVER:** Um-hmm.

**MICHAEL SIMS:** Just the way that he's been able to open up your mind and you unlock things.

**LUCAS GLOVER:** Yep.

**MICHAEL SIMS:** And that's Mac, that's the vision. Like Mac has such great vision in finding these humans to help other people. I think that's the magic of it.

Inspirational? Yeah. I mean, I was crying when he won the first time and then I was yelling at the screen the second time. So yeah, it's hugely inspirational. It's so cool to watch and to be -- to be a part of it. I mean, it gave me goosebumps, I'm crying, I'm laughing, I'm yelling at the TV.

And then all the support, too, from behind that. I mean, all the people that were calling like to congratulate me. I'm like, but not to congratulate me, but to be like "we're so happy for Lucas" speaks volumes again on the human that he is. He's just a real dude that everybody cares about, and he cares about everybody.

So yeah, what do I got to do to make the cut? I've got to play better.

**MARK WILLIAMS:** Well, a little bit of people watching will be curious, you and I discussed this the other day, but the significance of the three hearts on the hat, just talk about that a little bit as well.

**MICHAEL SIMS:** So my cousin Brian (Morris,) obviously he played in this event a couple years ago, passed away this year with cancer. And as everybody around here kind of knows, if you were texting with Brian, he always signed off with the triple hearts, red gold, green. Well loved. You know, it was just his way of sharing love, spreading it and sometimes that's all it was. If he couldn't talk, if he couldn't do anything, he would send that over, you kind of got the message.

So just to have him -- last year I made it into the tournament, I was like, I have to do something for Brian so that he knows he's here, because he wasn't so sharp last year leading into the tournament. I was like, how can -- walking around with him again on the golf course, this was the way that I thought I could do it.



**MARK WILLIAMS:** He's obviously made an impact on a lot of people here. It's great that it's been recognized.

**MICHAEL SIMS:** It's so cool, man. I mean, he's life, man.

**MARK WILLIAMS:** So we were talking about traditions that you guys have when you get together, especially here in Bermuda. So what's on the agenda later today?

**MICHAEL SIMS:** Right after this we're going to get a fish sandwich. We'll go to Grannie's.

**LUCAS GLOVER:** Going to Grannie's.

**MARK WILLIAMS:** How's that fish sandwich prepared? What does this consist of?

**MICHAEL SIMS:** Well, everybody always gets a little scared when I say this, but I always go raisin bread. They go, raisin bread? Raisin bread for me. It's raisin bread, coleslaw, hot sauce, sometimes it's cheese, sometimes it's not, let's go.

**LUCAS GLOVER:** I get what he gets and I've never been let down.

**Q. I was just wondering if you guys had any specific stories from growing up as amateurs that kind of speak to each other's like friendship or character?**

**LUCAS GLOVER:** This is a family deal, right?

**Q. Yeah.**

**LUCAS GLOVER:** Yeah. Well, just I think just traveling together. I don't know of one instance particularly -- if I thought about it, I would, but just a couple 22-, 23-year-olds going for the same thing, trying to do -- supporting each other, being with each other.

I do remember going to Salt Lake City for the Monday qualifier and being so bummed that they didn't sell beer like anywhere, because we had all missed the Monday and going to have a good time and then like, oh, yeah, we're in Utah, the county or whatever. I remember that one. We were devastated. How do we get to Colorado from here?

But we just -- the coolest part about that part of our lives was all going for the same thing and being together, supporting each other and trying to get there. I don't know if I can share a lot of the things.

**MICHAEL SIMS:** We can't share a lot of the things you're asking for right now.

**MARK WILLIAMS:** Let's go to another question about the golf course. I'm sure whenever you play and particularly at Port Royal, is there a favorite hole that you have that really fits your eye? And is there one that you stand on the tee and it's kind of challenging and you



have to think a little bit more about it? Maybe start with you first, Michael, or Lucas, whoever wants to go first.

**MICHAEL SIMS:** What hole fits my eye the most? I'm just trying to think. The hole that gets me every time is 15.

**MARK WILLIAMS:** And why is that a challenge for you?

**MICHAEL SIMS:** If the wind's into you, for me it's more of a challenge because of where the bunkers are placed. If it's downwind, it's not as hard of a tee shot, but it's really just picking the line there and committing to that.

It's the tee shot, and then the second shot's no gimme either, skinny little green. I mean, skinny to me.

**MARK WILLIAMS:** That comes later in the round.

**MICHAEL SIMS:** It comes later in the round. I was trying to think of the hole that I love the most. What hole was it?

**LUCAS GLOVER:** Usually the last one.

**MICHAEL SIMS:** The last one. I do like 6.

**LUCAS GLOVER:** Yeah.

**MICHAEL SIMS:** For some reason, I just think it's a beautiful hole that's coming up, and then obviously who doesn't love 8 or 16.

**LUCAS GLOVER:** Right, I'm with you on 15. Yesterday it was downwind and it was just driver, hit it over everything. And then I played a couple hours ago and the wind had switched around and I was like, oh, I've got to take a different line. It's a very condition dependent hole. And if it's into, it's a bear for a probably 410-yard hole or whatever it is.

Then 8 of course, looking out towards the water's stunning. And 16's just 16, it's one of the prettiest holes I've ever played.

**Q. Michael, you've got to be the coolest golfer I've ever come across.**

**MICHAEL SIMS:** Thank you. Sorry, Lucas.

**LUCAS GLOVER:** I'll go over there.

**Q. Unruffled, unbothered, mellow. I'm not going to ask how you get into that state of mind. Is that the real you, it's not a facade? How do you maintain that level of**



**composure?**

**MICHAEL SIMS:** Do you want to answer that one?

**LUCAS GLOVER:** None of us are -- none of us look like how we're feeling, I can assure you. Yeah, Michael's very good, cool, composed, but he's burning inside and he wants to play well and make birdies, but I think learned a long time ago that it's all right to have it inside, don't waste the energy on the outside.

**MICHAEL SIMS:** I learned that a long time ago. A long time ago, like a couple years ago.

**Q. This year you didn't have to qualify and you talked that it would give you some more preparation. How has that been going, how have you been prepared and what is your state of mind coming in this year not having to race through qualifying and stuff like that?**

**MICHAEL SIMS:** Yeah, number one, my body feels a lot better just from doing a little bit of the work that I have been doing out in the States, which has involved caddying in the past and then coming back here and qualifying and then going and caddying again. It's basically a rush for everything.

With the exemption, I've had a couple weeks actually in my own bed, which has been really, really nice, so the body's feeling good. I got to practice a little bit, so I feel good. So it's either going to be great or it's going to be pure hell out there, but that's the way golf is anyway.

**LUCAS GLOVER:** Yeah.

**MICHAEL SIMS:** But it feels good.

**Q. So could this be the year that you play on Saturday?**

**MICHAEL SIMS:** It could be. Why not? Let's go.

**LUCAS GLOVER:** He's playing nice. I played with him yesterday, he's playing well. Different from Tuesday to Thursday, but he knows that.

**MICHAEL SIMS:** Totally is.

**Q. One thing I have for you, Mr. Glover, are you at all miffed, a bit ruffled, upset or maybe inspired by the fact that you come off of two victories, you're ranked like 40 places higher than Adam Scott and he's the favorite?**

**LUCAS GLOVER:** I didn't know that, but you did.

**Q. He's 14 to one and you're 20 to one.**



**MICHAEL SIMS:** Perfect.

**LUCAS GLOVER:** Well, Adam's been top-50 in the world for about 107 years, so heck of a player.

And I honestly didn't know that, so no, I'm not ruffled. No, no, Adam's obviously a great player, been a great player for 25 years.

**Q. If I'm not mistaken, no Bermudan has ever made the cut in this tournament and he asked if this is the year. What kind of performance would it take in terms of numbers for a Bermudan to make the cut?**

**MICHAEL SIMS:** I haven't even looked, is the weather --

**LUCAS GLOVER:** Wind dependent, yeah.

**MICHAEL SIMS:** The cut has ranged from like 2 under to 6 under I think, 5 or 6 under, right? Yeah, I don't know where that's going to sit today -- well, tomorrow and Friday. If I go and play well, I think I can definitely do it.

**Q. And the other Bermudans, how can you --**

**LUCAS GLOVER:** I can't speak on their behalf when it comes to that stuff. With Oliver being 15, I mean, this is his first event. I'm actually playing with him, so it's going to be fun to watch him go through this. I'm sure he's going to have a lot of emotions. It's his home golf course, you know, it's there.

**Q. Do you think there's pressure lifted from qualifying that maybe, you know, this can actually add pressure?**

**MICHAEL SIMS:** That's for y'all, OK? I'm not gonna lie, y'all set all these expectations and everything for everybody. I can only go do the best I can do. That's like, that's it. I can't do any more than that.

**Q. And in terms of the recognition that you've gotten this year, how does that make you feel?**

**MICHAEL SIMS:** I mean, it's phenomenal. It's a lot of love in that and from the staff here that I've known since I was a kid, you know, to home to friends, family, to the rest of the island. Yeah, it's incredible, it's incredible.

**Q. Welcome back, Mr. Glover and Mike, who seems to be spending a lot of time overseas this days. Mike, you just spoke about young Oliver and I think it's wonderful that you guys are going to be in the same pairing tomorrow.**





**MICHAEL SIMS:** Yep.

**Q. Has he reached out to you in the lead-up asking for any advice or anything? You've been around this event for quite some time now.**

**MICHAEL SIMS:** He has not. He's got David Ogrin, who played on Tour and played on the Korn Ferry, I think he played some Senior Tour stuff, he's got him on the bag. It's his coach. I think he's leaning on him for a bunch of that experience, which is perfect. Again, it's going to be a little different for him, which is what he needs right now.

**Q. He ticked a lot of the boxes, but I remember last year (inaudible) obviously said that he's no longer with us?**

**MICHAEL SIMS:** He's always with us, bro.

**Q. Physically, but has -- you know, has that in any way inspired you to dig even deeper this time around as you, you know, go in search of making that cut and beyond?**

**MICHAEL SIMS:** I mean, the answer is I can only do what I can do. Is he an inspiration? Absolutely. I mean, you know from texting him just like I did, talking to him on the phone and stuff like that, I mean, he was -- he exuded life, you know? He shared a lot of love. And didn't matter if he was hard or anything on you, it all came from a place of love. He wanted the best for everybody around him. Yeah, he'll forever be there.

**Q. And as far as your game, are you happy with your form?**

**MICHAEL SIMS:** Yeah, got some momentum going. I've been practicing a little bit, get ready for tomorrow, we're going to go.

**Q. Lucas, what were you doing as a 15-year-old? Can you imagine playing a PGA TOUR event as a 15-year-old?**

**LUCAS GLOVER:** No. Justing dreaming about it at that point. No, it's really cool. I just saw David actually, I hadn't seen him in years. I didn't put two and two together at the time until Michael said that. I knew there was a young man in the field, I didn't know David was working with him. That's very cool.

Yeah, it will be special for him, he'll never forget this week as long as he lives and I hope he does great. It's a great story. You know, be some -- like Michael said, there will be some emotions, he's not used to, but at the same time he doesn't have any demons either like us 44- and 45-year-olds. No, it's really cool. I think it's cool Michael gets to play with him, too.

**Q. If he were to come to you and say what advice would you give me, what would you**



**tell him?**

**LUCAS GLOVER:** I would have told him to rest because it's going to be a race this week. It's going to be a long week, and just to make sure he gets his rest and just not overdo it Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.

**Q. One last thing. I asked this of Adam yesterday, you're a veteran of the Tour, you have your major winner, your multiple Tour titles, you have the fact you're married and have a family and stuff like that and I watched on the green, you've got a bunch of stallions come chasing you and stuff like that. How do you remain motivated to compete against these guys?**

**LUCAS GLOVER:** Just like they want to beat me, I want to beat them. You know, the cash is great, the money's great, all that stuff, but at the end of the day there's a trophy that everybody wants to hold up.

Don't play for money, play for trophies. That's been my mindset since I was 10 years old. Just want to beat everybody.

I've said for years the coolest feeling on the Tour is the week after you win, every one of your peers congratulating you. It's a good feeling, you know, because that one week, even if it's only one week, that one week you were better than everybody. That's what, that's one of the main things that drives me. I just like to compete. Michael and I lost dinner to a couple guys yesterday and it drove me mad, but --

**MICHAEL SIMS:** As it did me, just in a different way.

**LUCAS GLOVER:** Because you've got to pay for it. No, I'm kidding.

**MICHAEL SIMS:** I do.

**LUCAS GLOVER:** Just like to compete. The motivation is for me to stay relevant and to compete with these guys, I've got to work extra hard because I'm older and slower and don't hit it as far and all the obvious things. But body's holding up, my mind's sharp and I still like to work at it.

It's fun. There's never a time where I've said, you know, I don't really feel like practicing today, just go see the guy hitting it 25 by me and hitting every par 5 in 2 and I usually hit wedges. So that's the motivation, just want to compete, just want to beat them just like they want to beat me.

