

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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EGOR EROSHENKO (-3)



Q. So just wanted to ask you a few questions about your first PGA TOUR start, first made cut. Can you talk about how you're feeling?

EGOR EROSHENKO: Super excited. Golf is very hard sport, it's a lot of ups, a lot of downs. I'm just so happy and grateful that it slowly starts to pay off over the hard work. Just tried to stay focused on there and get the job done.

Q. With this being our first time seeing you out here on Tour, can you just kind of tell us about your golf journey, how you started and how you got to where you are right now?

EGOR EROSHENKO: I'm from Russia originally, so I started playing golf around 8 years old. It was just a hobby for me for a while just spending time with my grandfather. Then slowly started playing tournaments, competitive. Got a chance to play college golf at the University of Central Florida and turned pro in May and slowly starting the journey. Monday qualified into this event and looks like I'm going to make the cut here, so hopefully it only goes up from there.

Q. What's the anticipation been like since winning that Monday qualifier? I think it was a couple weeks ago, two or three weeks ago?

EGOR EROSHENKO: Yeah.

Q. What's the anticipation been like waiting to make your first start?

EGOR EROSHENKO: Well, I had a Q-School before that. Unfortunately, I missed by a couple shots. So I was busy playing, but I was just -- I tried to treat this as any other event and work hard as I always do before every event, prepare the best I could and just come out here and play some golf. Obviously the weather was super challenging with windy conditions, so you can't expect a lot of things, especially putting and short game gets very tough and tricky. Was a lot of wind affects the ball and the roll.

Obviously making the cut was one of the goals and yesterday after a not very good finish, a lot of thoughts started racing but kind of got in the groove today on the back nine and played one shot at a time, felt like got in the zone to shoot 5 under on the back to make the cut.

Q. You still have a weekend to go here, but what are your plans going forward? What are you sort of looking at?



EGOR EROSHENKO: Hopefully the weekend turns out to be good and get something out of this and for the future. I have an Asian Tour Q-School coming in December so have a couple weeks after this to prepare and start traveling. It's far away in Thailand. I live in Florida right now so that's going to take some time. Asian Tour Q-School, hopefully get the card there and we'll see what happens.

Q. I was talking to your caddie and he's doing almost double duty I guess this week in between his other job. Can you just talk about that a little bit, too?

EGOR EROSHENKO: Well, my girlfriend Nataliya, she plays on Tour, probably most saw last week on Golf Channel. I met John and had a chance to travel with them for a couple weeks in May. Met him pretty good and felt like nobody could really help me a lot on just one week on the bag. So I just tried to find someone who I can trust, have a good chemistry and be good with the numbers, that's all it is, so kind of lined up. Thanks to him, he did a lot of good stuff so far these two days. Hopefully we can give him some time to rest.

Q. Is Nataliya here with you this week or how do you guys manage your schedules?

EGOR EROSHENKO: Yeah, so she played the Asian swing and she didn't know if she was going to play the Hoakalei. Then kind of maybe a week before she decided she's playing Hoakalei, I said, well, I signed up for the Monday qualifier and if I make it, you're going with me. She said, yeah, deal, and I made it. I was fortunate enough having her this week supporting, that meant a lot as well having a familiar face walking around and cheering on the lows and highs, so that was just awesome.

Q. I'm curious about that given her talent as well, when she's out there watching you, in the evenings is she going back and giving you any sort of, oh, I saw you do this or something like that that's helped you along the way?

EGOR EROSHENKO: I think mostly just -- I'm crazy, I get golf, golf, golf, I get way too on top of myself and a lot of thoughts. So yesterday she was just like a mental coach, she's like you're crazy, just stop thinking about this and this. That's been a huge help kind of just taking my mind off golf and the goal. So that was great.

Q. How proud are you of making the cut this week?

EGOR EROSHENKO: I'm super excited. I'm still kind of in the fog not figuring out what's happening, but hopefully I can go grab some lunch and realize the cut is made and hoping for a good weekend.

