## **ROUND 3 INTERVIEW: WOODY AUSTIN**

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## Q. 2-over par through three rounds, currently I believe tied for third place. How do you like your game going in tomorrow?

**WOODY AUSTIN:** I played really good the first two days, I didn't play as good today. The greens are really difficult for me. I'm not a good putter on really fast greens and these greens are really fast, so even when you hit good shots, you hit really defensive putts. It's been really tough. I've got 94 putts in three days, that's kind of hard to do really good. I'm not playing bad, I'm playing pretty good. The golf course is good for a person like myself who's more of a ball striker than a scorer, so from that standpoint I'm in good shape, but the problem is if I want to have a chance to beat the robot out there, I've got to figure out how to make a putt or two.

Q. You have a decent chance of being in the final threesome with him tomorrow. How important would that be with a guy who's such a great frontrunner like Bernhard is?

**WOODY AUSTIN:** That would be mine by me. I would love to be there, absolutely. I've got no problems playing with him and I would like to see how it goes. I would like to make something early and put some pressure on him and see how it goes.

Q. Talk about the golf course. You seemed to avoid any big disasters out there this week, just kind of Steady Eddie. You said it kind of suits your game, but how have you been able to kind of manage your ball around the course?

**WOODY AUSTIN:** Well, you know, I've been playing really bad for the last month, month and a half after Atlanta. I won the two-man team but that was more Michael Allen than me, he pretty much held me up. And the last two weeks, even though I finished almost last, I've worked really hard on trying to figure it out and I felt like at the end of last week I figured it out. And sure enough, this week I've driven the ball good, I've hit the ball good, hit a lot of greens, hit some good shots, but the greens are just scary. To me, I mean they're just scary.

So I've really not been in any terrible positions. I think the farthest I've missed a green was today and that was because I drove it under the lip of the bunker on 11. Other than that, I haven't been but green-side, off the fringe or green-side bunker all week. So I haven't been in serious trouble, so like I said, that's the good part. The bad part is birdie wise I've got to knock it inside two feet and that's not conducive on this golf course.

Q. You had a lot of success on the PGA Tour, waiting to break through out here, finally did. You go into tomorrow's final round with a different aura of confidence at

## least out here after the success?

**WOODY AUSTIN:** I don't think so. I think confidence is based on play, and like I said, I haven't played good for a month or so. I'm playing better, so from that standpoint, yeah, I'm going to go into tomorrow knowing I'm playing well. But just because you've won doesn't mean that Bernhard or everybody is just going to play down because you've won. So you've still got to play good and that's more important than the, oh, I know how to win kind of thing.