

Q. Russell, when you walked up here I said, "Tough golf course," and you shook your head and said, "So tough." But no bogeys, three birdies, you must be pretty happy.

RUSSELL HENLEY: I am. Sometimes the harder courses, you know, make you focus a little more maybe and maybe just play a little safer, try to play for par. I had some good par saves as well, so happy with my play.

Q. Conditions this morning difficult, or didn't seem like the wind was difficult this morning?

RUSSELL HENLEY: It blew a little bit around 16, 17, that par 3. Other than that it wasn't blowing over 10 too much. So light breeze, it felt pretty good. When it stopped, it got pretty hot.

Q. We're going to take a look at one of toughest holes on the golf course, No. 11. Tough driving hole here. Talk us through what makes so difficult.

RUSSELL HENLEY: Well, for me, I play a fade and I can barely clear that corner with a driver. All you can really see is this hazard and the stakes are a little farther up actually, and then if I hit my fade and hit it well, it's just going to start working this way. This fairway runs out pretty quick for me. So I just think it's really hard and there's no good place to miss. If you end up with 3-wood and hit it in the rough, you can maybe get it over to this side.

Q. This bunker over here is no bargain, either.

RUSSELL HENLEY: Right. So if you hit it in the fairway, you can't really bail out away from this hazard, either.

Q. Russell, 3 under for the first round, tremendous golf, but based on the last three holes you played, could have been a little bit lower out there maybe?

RUSSELL HENLEY: Yeah, I think it could have been. I missed a -- I lipped about a five- or six-footer out on 16 as well and hit it pretty well coming in. But if I can keep giving myself 15-footers out here, that means I'm hitting the ball really well.

Q. A lot of the guys that we talked to prior to the start of the tournament said this is a difficult golf course, so how good is that 67 that you shot today in the first round?

RUSSELL HENLEY: It feels good. I made some great par saves, rolled in a couple birdies when I gave myself chances, and when I did hit in the rough, I got it up and down for par. So I'm really happy with the start.

Q. Eighteenth in FedExCup points. How have you maintained that level of play throughout the season?

RUSSELL HENLEY: I changed to Titleist in the fall. I've gotten really, really confident with the equipment. I think as the year's gone on I've gotten more and more confident. I have a great relationship with my caddie. And I don't know, I guess I'm just building up momentum and knowing that I can win out here gives me confidence.

Q. Russell, bogey-free round, three birdies. What was the key out there today?

RUSSELL HENLEY: Just stay patient, but I rolled in some nice putts for some good par saves. Didn't really feel like I had to be very aggressive out here. When you can do that, it makes the greens bigger, and trying to hit to the middle of the green. Just felt confident with everything, but mainly making some putts.

Q. On a course that everybody is saying is so tough, what is your mentality and your approach today and for the rest of the week?

RUSSELL HENLEY: Do the best I can to just get it in the fairway. I think on a course like this it's easy to try to want to hit it farther or try to hit it as far as you can, but really I'm trying to do everything I can to get the ball in the fairway because it's really tough to play from the rough.