FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW: WOODY AUSTIN

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Q. Woody, thanks for joining us. Maybe just take us back through No. 18, I guess. You made birdie on the last hole and then maybe just take us through the playoff.

WOODY AUSTIN: Well, the thing about 18, especially with the flag on the front of the green, if you go for the green you can't miss the green. Where that flag where it is, if you hit it in the right bunker, you're dead, if you hit it in the left bunker, you're dead. It's just one of those difficult shots, you know. It's almost as if Bernhard really was kind of in an advantageous position in that he couldn't get the green so any of his shots were going to be short where he had a chip shot.

But you're trying to win the tournament, you're not going to lay up to the smart -- you're trying to hit the ball on the green and I hit it in the spot you can't hit it into. I hit an awesome bunker shot just to give myself a chance and then just, you know, didn't make very many putts on the back nine.

Q. Were you expecting to come off that -- you had a little backboard there.

WOODY AUSTIN: Yeah, I was hoping it would roll back down further, yeah. That was my only chance. If I could have -- if my second shot would have been in the lip of the bunker on the left up against the face, I would have been able to get it up in the air. Unfortunately mit was on the other side and in the rake print, and I did a pretty damn good job to get it where I did.

Q. 10 feet?

WOODY AUSTIN: Yeah. I did a pretty good job to get it to there.

Q. It was a downhill lie, wasn't it?

WOODY AUSTIN: Well, it was -- what you'll notice in most bunkers is when they're real steep, the sides, it's like they don't want to walk down in there so they just -- they put the rake down and then they just pull that last little bit so they have that rake rut that's right around the edges. I was just right in it. That's exactly what happened on 15 as well, I was right where I was dead. I hit a pretty good shot there, too, to be about eight feet and just didn't make it for par.

Q. I know you get asked this a lot, but Bernhard turned 59 yesterday and he goes out and shoots a back nine 30 to get back in the tournament. Anything about him?

WOODY AUSTIN: No. You pretty much know it. It's been kind of, I call him a robot, you

know. He's pretty much the same every, you know, and he just doesn't -- he doesn't make too many mistakes. And when he gets hot with that broom, you can't beat that broom. I mean, if I would have been hot today on the back nine, I would have beat the broom, but I was hot on the front and I didn't make anything on the back.

Q. You had a lot of chances.

WOODY AUSTIN: Oh, yeah, I gave myself plenty of chances and that's pretty much why I made the mistake I made on 15. I went for 15. I got aggressive on 15 because I hadn't made a putt for the back nine and I figured I was behind.

The scoreboards weren't working so I didn't know where I was at, but I figured I was behind because I started four shots behind so I figured even par, I figured Gene would shoot under par today so I figured I was still behind. I said, I hadn't made a putt yet on the back nine and I knew my two best chances were 15 and 18 so I made a gamble on 15 that I lost, I lost.

Q. You were tied at that point. If you would have known you were tied --

WOODY AUSTIN: I would not have gone. I would have laid up to the right for sure, absolutely, no question.

Q. When did you notice the scoreboards stopped working?

WOODY AUSTIN: They stopped working on 12. We noticed on 12. Kirk Triplett and I noticed on 12 tee. Actually, 13 tee, the par 3. Yeah, if I would have known I was -- 12 under was tied, no way I would have gone for it. I thought Gene was at least 13 or 14.