



Q. So it seems like every year we're talking to you and you're shooting very well at this course. Just what is it about En-Joie that just fits your game so well?

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: You know, I'm not sure. I think I just feel comfortable on the course. I think the key to this golf course is driving the ball in the fairway and I've been doing that ever since I got here for some reason. I like the way it must look off the tee and hit a lot of good tee shots today and hit the ball in the fairway. Greens are a little receptive with the rain we had earlier, so I was able to be a little bit aggressive with some iron shots. I birdied all the par 5s and it all started with just getting the ball in the fairway.

Q. I know it's not fun to play in the rain, but was it a bit of a blessing, softened the greens up a little bit?

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: It makes it easier, there's no question about it. I'm not sure it's a blessing. We like to have a nice, sunny, 80-degree day would be perfect. I don't mind playing in the rain, it was fine. It only lasted maybe three or four holes and the rest of the day is like it is right now.

Q. How nice would it have been to get that putt there on 18?

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: Oh, it would have been great, but that would have been a bonus. I'll be honest with you, I was just trying to get up there somewhere close to the hole. If it goes in, great, but I was more than happy to have a tap-in par on the last hole.

Q. So how do you carry this into the weekend?

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: Keep doing what I'm doing. As I said before, getting the ball in the fairways is key, I think everybody would agree with that. This golf course with the way it's -- if you end up in the trees, you're not going to have much of a chance out here. If you get the ball in the fairways, the fairways are so good and the course is in such great shape that you're going to have a lot of good chances at birdie and hopefully make a few.

Q. How much easier does Saturday get after posting 7 under, right now the leader in the clubhouse?

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: I don't think it's any easier. All these guys out here are really good. You have to go out and shoot another really good one, there's no backing up. You're going to have to keep making birdies, so I don't think it gets much easier. Just got to go out and do the same thing I did today.

Q. You're having an outstanding year. Any particular reasons you can say that

helped you out?

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: Not really. I've just been playing well. I'm using basically the same equipment. I'm a Ping player so I've got different irons than I did last year, but it's just hitting a lot of good shots. I love my new Ping driver, the new G400. I've hit it really well the last month which it just showed today. I hit a lot of good shots, hit the ball in the fairway and gave myself a lot of chances.

Q. (No microphone.)

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: For some reason I've always felt comfortable here. I can't explain it. I know there's a bunch of other guys that feel the same way. For whatever reason, it fits my eye off the tee and as a result I've hit a lot of good tee shots. Today I putted really well, too. Just kind of the rest of my game, I putted extremely well today, and you have to if you're going to shoot 7-under par. Go out tomorrow and Sunday and do the same thing, hit the ball in the fairway and give myself good chances at birdie.