

DANIEL BERGER (-4)

Q. It was a nice way to end the day with an eagle. Just talk us through that.

DANIEL BERGER: I mean, I hit a great drive down there, caught the downslope and had a perfect number so it was a pretty stock shot, just a full 4-iron. A little lucky to carry on that line that it did, but it was a pretty simple putt, too. You don't get a lot of easy putts out here but that was one of them.

Q. Are you looking at any of the scenarios yet?

DANIEL BERGER: Honestly, no. I think the first scenario is me winning and that's really all I can do. I'm pretty far back, so just looking to kind of keep doing what I've been doing today and kind of build some momentum for the weekend.

Q. Just curious, if I told you 2012 NCAAAs at Riviera, five guys that played in that tournament would be in the TOUR Championship five years later, would you have believed me?

DANIEL BERGER: I probably would not have and I would not have thought that I would have been one of them. I was pretty immature coming out of college but I've done all the right things in the last couple years and I've gotten better every year, which has really been the key for me. Two years ago was my first one and I was better last year than I was my first one and I'm better now than I was last time. I think I've got a lot more good golf in me.

Q. Does that speak also to the quality programs?

DANIEL BERGER: It does. I mean, if you look at the players that have come out in the last couple years, obviously we're getting a lot better a lot quicker and the competition's better, the golf courses are better. It's just kind of what it comes down to.

Q. What do you feel like you're better at this year than you were last year at this time?

DANIEL BERGER: I think statistically I'm a better putter this year than I was last year. I just seem to make -- first off, I'm a better putter, but then on top of that I was looking, I think I lead the Tour in proximity to hole from 125, wedge distances or whatever. So I'm giving myself more chances, I'm making more putts, hence I'm playing better.

Q. I've talked to a few players, especially Justin Thomas, Rickie Fowler who say you're about as amped up as anybody for next week. Can you talk about how amped up you are, how much you're looking forward to it?

DANIEL BERGER: Yeah, I'm more excited for next week than I am this week so I've got to try to rein that in a little bit and just try to prepare and play well this week. I love team sports, I grew up playing team sports and then I just happened to stumble on an individual sport. So to get into the mindset of someone else having your back and being a part of a team, that's something I'm really going to look forward to.

Q. What team sports did you play?

DANIEL BERGER: Played everything; baseball, soccer, football, any team sport, volleyball, just everything.

Q. Have you talked to anybody about what you're going to feel like on that first tee?

DANIEL BERGER: No, but I'm hoping that my partner hits the first tee shot.