

RUSSELL HENLEY (-3)

Q. (No microphone)... on the eighth hole?

RUSSELL HENLEY: I guess. I mean, my caddie just asked me if I was ready to start focusing. I don't know, it was a pretty sloppy start but started hitting it a little bit more like I have been and rolled in some putts and got some momentum.

Q. Do you feel like you can kind of make a little bit of a run on what is now the back nine there, the now front nine's a little bit tougher to start?

RUSSELL HENLEY: I don't know. I mean, I feel like the whole thing is hard no matter what hole it is. I feel like you have to -- it demands a lot out of your ball striking every hole. And I just think -- I don't know, I think if you're hitting it straight off the tee then you can attack both sides. But yeah, the front maybe has a couple more wedges but still has a really tough par 3 and a couple really tough par 4s, too. So I think they're both pretty tough.

Q. What was your goal entering this week?

RUSSELL HENLEY: I feel like I'm just going to try to make as many birdies as I can, try to win. I mean, I don't think it really -- for me being closer to the 30 mark, I don't think I really have anything to lose. I'm just going to try to stay aggressive when I hit it in the fairway, try to hit it close and see where it takes me. Other than that, I don't really have any goals besides have fun.

Q. Where does this course rank, how does this really test you in your game?

RUSSELL HENLEY: I think it tests you off the tee. I mean, if you don't hit the fairway here, this rough is just so difficult. I think it tests your course management once you do miss the fairway. It tests how tough you are. You just have to hang in there. Like for me, 3 over through seven holes today but still managed to get under par. So if you just are mentally tough and hang in there, anything could happen, but I'll take 3 under pretty much every time I play this course.

Q. This is now the 11th year for FedExCup. How has it grown, how has it evolved for you as a player?

RUSSELL HENLEY: I think it's exciting, the Playoffs especially because for me I was inside the top-30 most of the year after my win and I just wanted to validate and play well enough in the Playoffs to feel like I showed up and made it here. I snuck in here and definitely learned a lot from being there. That was my first time really being inside the top-30 that

long, starting inside the top-30 and finishing there. So it's really cool, it's a different kind of pressure and I think it's great.

Q. Talk about your experience at the Braves game last night.

RUSSELL HENLEY: Yeah, got to go in the dugout, got to interview, watch some batting practice which was really cool, and then I got to do the Tomahawk Chop in the first inning with Jhonny Vegas. I grew up going to Braves games when the stadium was on the south side of Atlanta and always been a lot of fun, so it was pretty cool.