
Q. 3 under, pretty good. How would you assess it all, talk your mindset right now.

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, I get done and look back and I'm surprised we're at 3 under. I felt like it was really a grind out there and it's just because the first four, five holes of the round I was all over the place tee to green. And then my whole back nine I had a chance to birdie all but one of the holes and only made one of them.

So things were off at different times and things were certainly on at different times that really pieced this round together and kind of helped what was an interesting day to be still in this golf tournament.

Q. Did you find anything or fix anything from the first five holes?

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, I just -- I was leaving the ball out right the first couple days of this week. I was trying to figure out a solution to that and it was trying to get my body caught up -- I mean my upper body caught up before my lower body goes, and all of a sudden I haven't hit a ball left in three weeks and I snap-hook my first four swings that I hit and I was just like, what is this?

Then you wonder where's the middle ground, what do you trust, have you overdone it? You just try to look for answers. I try to simplify things and just be -- shorten the swing a little bit and play fades off the tee unless it was absolutely necessary to hit a draw.

Q. So did you feel like it was a fix or do you feel like you kind of Band-Aided it together?

JORDAN SPIETH: I really felt like it was a fix other than like with the tee ball, I don't necessarily feel comfortable hitting a draw with a driver but I feel like I can work a little cut, which fortunately there's only a few holes you need to turn it right to left.

Q. What's the vibe when you and Justin play together, what's your comfort level?

JORDAN SPIETH: You know, today we were both on the grind a little bit. I thought he drove the ball really well and he could have shot a phenomenal round. We just went on kind of streaks, streaks of good and then we would kind of get a bad break on one. But yeah, we've played a lot of golf together. I think we're paired again tomorrow now. Yeah, we enjoy it very much, it's fun to play together, we've done it for a number of years.

Q. You haven't made a pact and say let's try to play together every day, let's go low

together?

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, that would be nice, we certainly would both enjoy that for sure.

Q. On 6 you missed that ball left and I was standing over there, you apologized to Michael, said something to the fact that I don't know where I'm driving the ball or something like that, but you managed to hit a great shot out of there and recovered nicely. Can you talk to that, please?

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, I hit a 4-iron, had about 222 front adjusted and I had a little jumper out of the rough and I knew if I -- I just needed to get out and I needed to get it right of the hole and anywhere short or long was going to be a pretty good chance at birdie. I was fortunate to get a lie that I could get a 4-iron on. Then the shot ended up being perfect just below the hole on the front edge of the green. So the next two tee shots were big confidence boosters that freed me up to hit I think the majority or most all the fairways on the front nine until the last hole.

Q. What would it mean to you to become only the second (inaudible)?

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, it would be great. Any trophy you can get your name on no matter how many times you can do it is fantastic. The FedExCup is a beautiful one at that and it would be great.

But maybe got caught up a little bit in the scoreboard today. I don't know the scenarios so it really don't make a difference for me to watch the scoreboard other than to figure out how to get to the leaders.

It's a weird scenario teeing off last when it's the first round and there's only 30 guys. Like guys get out there, they start tearing it up and the first few holes are kind of difficult and so you feel like you're starting behind, so almost feel like mentally it might be a little bit easier in the next couple rounds and then Sunday, who knows.

Q. How Augusta-like is it out there?

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, the greens are definitely slower than Augusta, but just the way that you have uneven lies into the greens, it certainly plays a lot like that on the approach shots.

Q. The fix on the back nine, (inaudible)?

JORDAN SPIETH: The back nine today was kind of very similar to how this year's gone for me, really good striking and just couldn't quite get it in the hole.