

BRIAN GAY (-9)

Q. You must be pretty impressed and happy where you're positioned through these 36 holes?

BRIAN GAY: Absolutely. Like I said, I hit the ball really, really good yesterday and 3 under was just the highest score I could have shot. I putted terrible yesterday. Hit it good today, probably not as good as yesterday, but holed a couple putts.

Q. Do you feel like you've been building to this? You've had some decent rounds going for a while.

BRIAN GAY: Yeah, it's been pretty good the last month or two. Got up there in contention in Dallas and Memphis and had a good U.S. Open. Putting's my strong suit and my putting's been down, which has killed me on weeks when I've hit it good. I've had the odd good putting day, I usually have the odd bad putting day, so it was nice to get a little move today. Yesterday I hit it so good I couldn't help but shoot under par. Get it in play off the tee out here, kind of go from there.

Q. Have you done anything to work on the putting while it's been deserting you a little bit?

BRIAN GAY: Nothing different, just trying to stick to the same stuff and just know that it will come around.

Q. (Question about how the course is playing.)

BRIAN GAY: Well, it's obviously much softer. The rough's about the same, so you still got to be in the fairway, so it's playing longer. But the greens are receptive, so if you get it in the fairway, you know, last year it was a chore just to get it on the green from the fairway because they were a little faster. So if you're in the fairway, you can, you know, be a little bit more aggressive into the greens this year.

Q. You mentioned it earlier, how much were you and Ryan able to play off each other being in the same group?

BRIAN GAY: Yeah, we always have a good time playing together. Like you said, we hit it the same distance and we're not bombers out here by any stretch, so we're kind of playing in the same areas, hitting a lot of the same clubs on the par 3s, so it works pretty good.

Q. Brian, just an outstanding round of golf today, 6-under 64, just one blemish on the

card. Your thoughts on how you played?

BRIAN GAY: Yeah, it was a great day. Got off to a hot start, perfect start. Bunch a birdies and a par on 11, which is the hardest hole out here. Made a few putts today, unlike yesterday.

Q. I was going to say, I looked yesterday and I think you were like 115th in strokes gained putting and --

BRIAN GAY: Yeah, I was like it's not even me.

Q. At one point today I think you climbed to second during the round, you ended up maybe in the 20s or 30s. What clicked in there with the flat stick, or were they just going in today?

BRIAN GAY: Just a little better feel today. I don't know, yesterday I think was almost an anomaly. I looked at the same thing and I putted better than four people yesterday. I'm like, that's pathetic. But I was first in tee-to-green strokes gained, so kind of balanced out.

Q. Thoughts on the weekend now? Got kind of a logjam at the top of the leaderboard, you've got some big names right behind you. Your thoughts as you head to Saturday?

BRIAN GAY: Yeah, more of the same, get the ball in the fairway off the tee and kind of go from there. The greens are not near as firm as last year, so you can make some birdies if you hit the fairway.