

PATTON KIZZIRE (-11)

Q. You just hit the jetstream as you get to the par 3 fourth hole and make some birdies on a nice stretch. Tell me about that stretch of the golf course.

PATTON KIZZIRE: Yeah, the par 3's been good to me, I made a lot of birdies there. And then 5, last year I had four eagle putts on that hole and made eagle there yesterday. Unfortunately, didn't quite reach the green today, but was able to get up and down. And then I birdied 7 and just had a lot of good looks, hit a lot of good shots. It was a good day.

Q. Tell me about your strategy on the par 5s. You played six of them, you only have three per 18 holes here, you played them in 7 under par. Just your strategy a little.

PATTON KIZZIRE: Hit the fairway, then hit the green and try to make the putt or make the chip. They give you opportunities out here to make some birdies and eagles on the par 5s. If you're out of position, you can scramble for par, but if you hit good shots, you have a lot of good chances.

Q. Tell me about your strategy going into the weekend. Are you going to look back on last year, have fond memories?

PATTON KIZZIRE: Gosh, it was all a blur last year. I think I'll just continue to try to make birdies, try to hit good shots and just see how many under I can shoot. The conditions are so nice that the winner's going to make a bunch of birdies and hopefully I can be the guy that makes the most.

Q. Patton, must be a good feeling to come back as defending champion and be in contention through 36.

PATTON KIZZIRE: Yeah, it feels good. I like it here and I seem to play well here. I found some pretty good form coming into the week and I had the good feels when I stepped on the property, so it's all added up to some pretty good scores.

Q. The par 5s you play particularly well. Has that been the key to your performance these first two rounds?

PATTON KIZZIRE: Yeah, I think so. I think on most golf courses, if you can get the par 5s, then just have looks on the par 4s and par 3s, that's the recipe for success. The guys that do that and make putts normally win the golf tournament. So I'll continue to attack the par 5s, and the par 4s and 3s give you a chance if you hit some good tee shots. So I feel good about my game and looking forward to the weekend.

Q. Does winning last year help you in this week just being comfortable and confident on this golf course?

PATTON KIZZIRE: Yeah, winning always helps whether it was here last year or some other place. You know, learning how to win's important and having good memories on this course from last year certainly helps. Some people would think it would add some pressure. I've been trying to relieve that pressure thinking this year's trophy's not mine, last year's is, so somebody's got to go get this year's and I'm trying to make it me.

Q. You know the weather here can be chaotic. How has the wind been for you?

PATTON KIZZIRE: Yeah, the weather's been beautiful, sunny, light wind. Normally, we'll get days that are pretty windy and it makes it tough, but the light wind and the beautiful weather has really made it a little bit easier for us. You see the scores are really low, the guys are attacking, and it's just a great place to make a bunch of birdies.

Q. How are the greens?

PATTON KIZZIRE: The greens are great. Yeah, the greens are beautiful. I'm impressed every time I come here and this year's no different.

Q. As you look ahead to the weekend, you're going to be in contention, you're just mentioning your mentality. Does anything change for you, again looking back to last year and to this year actually?

PATTON KIZZIRE: I don't think so. I think I'm just going to try to make a bunch of birdies. They're out there and the guy that wins makes the most, so that's all I'm doing.