



Q. Matt, a great round today. Just the one bogey and a couple of eagles. Probably (inaudible) about your bogey actually to be honest?

MATT JAGER: It was just a three-whack. I just bashed the first one like eight feet past and then missed it, had a really grainy putt on 7 and sort of, I probably just kept the speed and just smashed it. Just a brain fade. 17 probably nearly perfect holes and one brain fade is not too bad.

Q. We were speaking there before, you had Ryan on the bag for the pro-am. Obviously good for your mental state?

MATT JAGER: Absolutely, yeah. He's just a good mate, really good golfer. We work really well together because between shots and stuff we just switch off and have a good time, but then when we're ready to go, I trust every bit of information that he's given me. If I'm struggling to sort of see anything out there and I throw any ideas at him, I know the info that I'm getting is exactly what I need. So it just puts me in a good space because we've got a good little combination going.

Q. 5 under for the par 5s today.

MATT JAGER: Yeah. Well, the eagles were a bonus obviously, but in saying that, just made some really nice swings. I put us in a position and just rolled a couple of putts in. You obviously don't expect to do that, but that was a bonus. But there was lots of, I mean, 12-, 15-, 20-footers that I had as well that just sort of slid by out there. So I was giving myself lots of chances and I was lucky enough to roll those ones in on the par 5s when it counted most.

Q. You had time with Gary this morning as well?

MATT JAGER: Yeah.

Q. Anything special, or just normal maintenance, just pretournament stuff?

MATT JAGER: For me, sort of normal maintenance. We've got a few little drills that we go back to every time we catch up, but we've actually spent a bit of time hitting some fairway bunker shots. That's not necessarily to get good at hitting fairway bunker shots, but it helps me work on my pivot. My lower half moves better when we're hitting out of the sand. So that's what we've been doing, and I'm just taking those practice swing feels out there and then stepping up and just giving it a rip, so that's good.

Q. You've been playing pretty good all year, but just not many tournaments to play. Is it hard to run three weeks in a row almost when you have a week off for World Cup?

MATT JAGER: Well, I think I sort of struggled in the middle of the year, I missed like three cuts by 1. I looked at it where my form was still good, it was just a bit unfortunate to sort of miss the weekend by 1 and not sort of push forward with how I was playing.

I think tournaments like Fiji, it's hard because you've had like six weeks off or something and you've got to go in and play a big event, whereas this, it's been good because I've sort of built from the Vic PGA in Ainsbury and the West Australian Open, New South Wales Open and Aussie Open. So I've had more of a run of events and just kept plugging away at my game. For me when it's tournament week, I'll probably practice as much if not more than what I do when I don't have a tournament week, so maybe that's why I'm playing good, I don't know.

Q. And did you learn anything at the Aussie Open with the weekend on the couple dropped shots on the weekend, just dropping out of contention?

MATT JAGER: Yeah, learnt a little bit about where my game was at, but what I took from that was how well I played the back nine every day with the wind and the water there. That back nine is pretty daunting. but how I played that back nine gave me a lot of confidence. I mean, I chipped in on the last hole of the tournament on 18 at the Aussie Open and that basically just sealed off a good week for me. So I felt good about everything from that, learnt from my little mistakes, and just come here and we'll roll the dice and this has been a good start.