



CHRISTOPHER WOOD (-4)

Q. I guess the weekend experience, I think coming in you probably -- were you planning on going to Q-School?

CHRISTOPHER WOOD: No, I already kept a card in three Australian categories. Anything I could do this week was just sort of to better my status for next year.

Q. And you've obviously done that.

CHRISTOPHER WOOD: I hope so, yeah.

Q. I guess you find out in the next couple days whether you're top 50, probably gets you a few extra starts?

CHRISTOPHER WOOD: Yeah. The category I was in was category -- it was for the (inaudible) money list for this year, so with whatever I earn this week, hopefully that will -- obviously top-50 would be better, but even 51 to 60 would still be an improvement, yeah.

Q. You prequalified on Monday. Expectations coming into the week? Was that Order of Merit stuff kind of in your mind at all?

CHRISTOPHER WOOD: Not really. I just sort of wanted to get in and just enjoy the week. Obviously the round on Friday sort of really set up the week for me and it just sort of came out of nowhere because I wasn't really playing spectacular golf coming into this week or even the last couple months really. But with the round on Friday I was really looking forward to the round on Saturday and it was a good experience. I was nervous all day, all 76 shots, but it's a learning curve. To come out and I was 4 under through 12 or 13 holes today, so it was good to sort of bounce back from that round. And a bit of a poor finish, but that's still a good week.

Q. Talk to me about the highs, I guess, from this week. What's kind of the smallest pro-am or event you've played this year?

CHRISTOPHER WOOD: Mainly in Australia. I do have status up in China, but the tour up there, they've sort of fallen apart for me through this year with the one tour losing money and not having much status on the other tour up in China. I've played a lot of pro-ams this year.

Q. Where have you traveled to? Where's the furthest place you've traveled to?

CHRISTOPHER WOOD: Went to the mining towns, a 10-, 12-hour drive from Brisbane out northwest. Emerald, Moranbah and Middlesbrough, those sort of courses.

Q. A long way from Royal Pines?

CHRISTOPHER WOOD: Long way from Royal Pines, a long way from the beach. So yeah, I don't mind playing those one-, two-day pro-ams. They keep you competitive. You meet a lot of great people out there.

Q. Does this week -- if you came -- I guess given a top-50, do you now -- does your schedule -- I know it's early, but do you look ahead and think your schedule probably looks a bit stronger to start?

CHRISTOPHER WOOD: Definitely, definitely stronger. The little jump that I'll have from the T-2 money list to maybe top-50 or top-60 will definitely get me maybe a few more starts earlier in the year, maybe Perth, but we'll have to wait and see. But yeah, the big thing for me this week is I've never really been in that sort of position before, third-last group in sort of the biggest tournament in Australia. That's something to be proud of. Could always play better, but it's a learning curve and I'll come back better.

Q. (No microphone.)

CHRISTOPHER WOOD: Wingham. Playing a pro-am tomorrow, so they have a pretty good field there. It's always a strong field.

Q. Does it mean -- would it mean more tomorrow to walk back into the club having such a good week? Do you think the members there will kind of --

CHRISTOPHER WOOD: Definitely, yeah. The members have always been very supportive of me back in Wingham. A few came down this week and had a look. So I'm looking forward to getting back tomorrow and seeing them all and playing well tomorrow.

Q. Personal confidence, does that sort of give you the boost? Can you carry the momentum? Are you planning on playing much between now and --

CHRISTOPHER WOOD: No, I'm playing tomorrow and then I'm putting the clubs away for a bit.

Q. Do you think you can carry the momentum from a week like this into next year?

CHRISTOPHER WOOD: Oh, definitely, definitely can. The next four-rounder I'll play will be maybe Vic Open, so very similar field, European Tour field, so some that I can tear it up with. There's a lot of good European guys. Give me some confidence for sure.

Q. What's it like shooting lights out in your group? Do you send up -- are you aware

of sort of how good --

CHRISTOPHER WOOD: Definitely aware, like so easy. I could have had a couple more coming home, but if you're going to sign for a 63 on a Sunday, you're doing really well. We sort of fed off each other quite early in the round, then he got hot through the middle of the round, had like four or five birdies in a row. My first time I met Ross, great player, just struck the ball pure all day, great putter, just kept it simple, which is what you've got to do on Sunday.

Q. Who did you play with yesterday?

CHRISTOPHER WOOD: Matt Jager.

Q. And what about Thursday, Friday?

CHRISTOPHER WOOD: First two rounds was with Aaron Cockerill from Canada and Campbell Rawson, QE guy, which I played a lot of golf with.

Q. (No microphone.) Can you take anything away from the way he went about today and learn from it and I guess use that, the education and all?

CHRISTOPHER WOOD: I guess take away two things; the way he played and just the way he handled himself on the course as well. Even though he didn't hit many bad shots, but the ones that he may not have been happy with, just the way he went about it, not getting too down on himself, not getting too frustrated, and he just hung in there and just did what he needed to do. Pars were always good, had no bogeys and just nine birdies was pretty good.

Q. Did you play Vic Open this year?

CHRISTOPHER WOOD: No.

Q. Just didn't --

CHRISTOPHER WOOD: I went down to qualify and I missed out. I think I shot 1 under. We needed 3, 4 to get in.

Q. And I guess if you can turn this into a decent schedule, you can forget about --

CHRISTOPHER WOOD: Yeah, hopefully. Qualifiers are never fun. Even though I qualified in this week to get in on Monday, three spots into a field, that's tough.

Q. Was that at Wingham?

CHRISTOPHER WOOD: Wingham, yeah.