

MARTIN PILLER (-4)

Q. Martin Piller after a very nice round of 68 today, six birdies, just two bogeys. Where did this come from? You actually haven't played much golf this year and you really haven't posted too many sub-par rounds.

MARTIN PILLER: Yeah, I haven't -- I just played a couple Tour events early and then just one Web.com event last week. My game's felt good. I played okay in the desert, and then played horrible at Pebble. Didn't play too bad last week. I feel like my game's been pretty good this offseason.

Q. I mentioned it on air, of course you and your wife Gerina just had a baby almost 10 months ago. What's it like being a father for the first time and then trying to get your wheels under you as you start playing professional golf again?

MARTIN PILLER: Yeah, you definitely have to structure your life a little more, which I'm horrible at. I'm not a very structured person, anybody who knows me. So we've had to try to manage our time even better than what I had before. You're kind of spoiled without a kid, and then with a kid as far as your time is concerned, you need to be a little more structured. So I've tried to do that as best I can.

Q. Well, and Gerina's going off to play her first event next week, you're going to be flying solo with little AJ at home?

MARTIN PILLER: Yeah, yeah, it will be -- it will be tougher than -- I'll be more nervous than than I will be at any tournament, that's for sure. But it will be fun.

Q. So can you just talk me through your round today? Obviously a great start.

MARTIN PILLER: Yeah, a really good front nine as far as ball-striking and putting and everything. Everything was pretty simple on the front nine. The back nine I started driving it horrible. I think I hit one fairway. I would give my driver an F for the round and I would give my short game an A-plus. So I hit my irons okay, pretty solid, but I didn't drive it very well, which is odd for me because I feel like I'm a pretty good driver of the ball.

So like I said, the front nine it was pretty down the middle, easy, and then the back nine I had to work a little harder for it. But 4 under, you'll take it. Anything under par I think is pretty good out here.

Q. Was the wind a part of your struggles off the tee do you think on the back nine?

MARTIN PILLER: No, no, because it wasn't terribly windy. A lot of those suit my eye well, it was just kind of a mechanical issue, just a swing thing. I think it's just kind of a swing thing, but I think I figured out what it was.

Q. If you had to pick a shot of the day, what would you go with?

MARTIN PILLER: Shot of the day would be probably be -- so I hit it into the hazard on 12 and then I had to drop and I hit an 8-iron from there. It was like 170-some yards. I hit an 8-iron to about 10 feet and then was able to save par. That was nice because it just kind of kept the round going. So I would say probably that 8-iron on 12 just kind of kept me going. It was a really good shot. You don't want to just kind of throw the round away there for no reason.

Q. For sure. And you're T-1 right now, you'll be near the top of the leaderboard going into Round 2. Do you have a mindset going in?

MARTIN PILLER: I would probably say just try to hit a lot of greens and try to hit more fairways. Obviously you're trying to hit fairways, duh, but try to, you know, make it a little bit easier on myself.

I scored really well today, but I made it kind of hard on myself out there at times. So I would like to just try to tighten up some of the ball-striking a little bit and just try to hit as many greens as I can, because once you're on these greens, they're not too terribly tough, they don't have a ton of slope on them. So if you just get them on and you have a lot of birdie putts, you're probably going to be in good shape.