

J.T. POSTON (-17)

Q. J.T., great round today, tons of birdies, only the one dropped shot. Statistically firing in every category, you had all your game working today.

J.T. POSTON: Yeah, yeah, that's definitely been the case the last two days. Was pretty close the first round, too, when I shot 2 under. I just had a couple missed short putts and wasn't quite as hot with the putter, but the last two days have been really nice.

Q. Great judge on the guess, and I'm calling it a guess on the lie on the third shot on 17. I was standing on top of that ball, looking at it going, this is a hard guessing game, and you guessed it perfect.

J.T. POSTON: Yeah, talked to my caddie, Aaron, about it a little bit. Hadn't really seen a lie like that all week, but it was straight in the grain and thicker than most of the rough we had seen. So it was kind of I knew it was going to come out dead and have no spin on it, so I was just trying to land it within five yards of that front edge and hopefully runs out the right amount and that's what happened. So a little bit of luck, but kind of just you chop it out there and hope it ends up all right.

Q. You've played yourself in the final group for tomorrow, well done. It's going to be a great atmosphere. One of your birdies today on 15 right in the heart of that atmosphere. Talk a little bit about the feelings there on 15, the crowds. They were just willing that thing in for you.

J.T. POSTON: Yeah, it's fun. Anytime you get to play in front of big crowds like that it's a lot of fun, especially, I mean, this golf course. That 14, 15, 16 run with the 313 they have going on, there's some big grandstands, a lot of people hang out there hoping to see some fireworks. So it feels good to be able to give them a birdie at least.

Q. J.T., just some opening comments on your round today if we can.

J.T. POSTON: Yeah, just another solid round tee to green, kind of like yesterday and even the day before. Made a few putts. The golf course played a little different I felt like, a little bit different wind. You know, the par 5s, instead of being downwind were into the wind and made it a little tougher. And some of the holes where you've got wedges downwind, they were taking some pretty good bounces we found. I think it's starting to get a little firmer and I was pretty happy with 6 under.

Q. Is there anything about this place or this week that at the start of the week you kind of felt this sort of play might be in the bag for you?

J.T. POSTON: Yeah, so the golf course is a Donald Ross design, which is what I grew up playing in North Carolina, where I'm from. So there's definitely a little bit of a comfort level with the look of it, with the tree line and the kind of sloped smaller greens. Smaller sections is something that I'm used to playing on since I was a kid. There's definitely a little comfort level.

Other than that, I've been playing really good the last few weeks, just haven't really put it all together in one round or one week, and so far it's been that way.

Q. Forgive me for not knowing the answer to this, but is this your first final pairing?

J.T. POSTON: That's a good question. I think it -- it definitely is on Sunday. I want to say I might have been in one on Saturday at one point, or maybe second-to-last group.

Q. So the follow-up to that is does that -- do you look forward to that, does it present different challenges? How do you maybe approach that over the next 12 hours?

J.T. POSTON: Yeah, absolutely. I mean, that's why we play. If you're in the final, you're going to have a shot at winning the tournament no matter how far back you are. Nate's obviously playing some great golf, so I'm going to have to play really good tomorrow if I'm going to catch him.

Yeah, that's why we play. That was one of my goals starting the year. It was a smaller goal, but one of my goals was since we haven't won, I just want to put myself in that atmosphere and be in the final group on Sunday. So it will be good to kind of fulfill that goal and see how I do tomorrow.

Q. Do you know Nate? Have you talked with him before.

J.T. POSTON: A little bit. I played with Nate some. He's a good guy. I think we'll have a lot of fun tomorrow and be pretty laid back aside from what we're both trying to do. I think it will be good.