

ADAM HADWIN (-7)

Q. You post that nice number out there. How comfortable did you feel on the course today?

ADAM HADWIN: Yeah, I felt good. Very kind of reminiscent of TPC, is it John Deere, TPC Deere Run, wherever the place the John Deere event. Very similar look.

But I've been playing some good golf this last little bit, just a matter of putting it together. Put myself in the fairway today, made some putts and, like I say, good round.

Q. What do you think has improved in your game over the last few months?

ADAM HADWIN: Definitely hitting my irons better, hitting a lot more greens, giving myself chances. You know, putter hasn't always cooperated during the rounds all year, but I'm giving myself enough looks that when I dial in that speed, I've got some chances.

Q. They don't hand out trophies on Thursday, but when you get off to a great start like this, how optimistic are you now for the rest of the week?

ADAM HADWIN: Yeah, you can't win it, but you certainly can lose it, so I'm in a great position. Like I said, I've been playing some really solid golf, just a matter of managing everything, giving myself chances. Keep rolling that putter well and hopefully I'm talking to you again Sunday afternoon.

Q. On your inward nine, four birdies in a row. Tell me about that stretch, 4, 5, 6, 7.

ADAM HADWIN: Yeah, yeah. Just good solid quality golf shots, gave myself some looks. Inside 10 feet there on 4, 15 feet on 5, kind of a bit of a two-putt there on 6, and then hit a wedge inside 10 feet again on 7. So put yourself in position, the course is definitely gettable, scorable, and I took advantage of it today.

Q. It looks like scoring is going to be good maybe for the whole week. Do you feel comfortable in that format? Everyone thinks back to your 59 at the Desert Classic.

ADAM HADWIN: Yeah, I feel like I can kind of play either situation. You know, this kind of comes down to a bit of a putting contest sometimes; a lot of guys are hitting a lot of greens. Maybe not quite as good a putter as I have been the last couple years, but if it gets rolling, I can get streaky. And when that happens, yeah, I can compete, for sure.

Q. I've told you this story before, but several years ago you're an amateur playing at

Shaughnessy in the RBC, almost won the thing. I looked at your ball-striking and I said, "Yeah, I don't know if he's ever going to be a good enough putter," and now you've turned into one of the better putters on Tour. Listen to these numbers: You made 111 feet and six inches in putts. You know this changes as players play, but right now you lead in strokes gained putting as well.

ADAM HADWIN: Yeah, that's a good feeling. Yeah, I put some solid work in. I didn't think I was ever going to be good enough with the way I putted, either. So I put some serious work in with the putter and it's paying off. You know, it comes and goes a little bit here and there. Like you said, every player kind of goes through the ebb and flow, but I've had great speed control kind of all week throughout the practice rounds and stuff and it just kind of continued on today.

Q. Adam, 7-under 64, four birdies in a row. Obviously you're kind of in a groove. Did you feel a round like today coming on?

ADAM HADWIN: You know, you prepare for a round like today and you've just got to be ready when it comes. I don't necessarily want to say that I felt like it was coming today, but, you know, I've been playing well. Just a matter of just hitting good golf shots and giving myself some looks. Today was nice. I just made a bunch of putts today. I had those looks, my speed control was awesome all day and putts went in, so it's nice to see.

Q. Your last hole, did I see you made a pretty clutch putt there?

ADAM HADWIN: Yeah, pretty fortunate. I didn't hit a great 5-iron coming in. It's a good, tough hole finish, the ninth, and I didn't hit a great 5-iron. Got lucky to kind of stay up on top of the hill where it did. It was going to be a difficult two-putt regardless and I made a nice little five-footer down the hill to kind of get out of the round.

Q. Everybody knew what to expect from this course. How did you find it?

ADAM HADWIN: Yeah, it was great. Obviously I think it's going to be a scorable golf course with the soft conditions right now. Fairways firmed up when we played, which made the course even shorter, and then obviously the greens are still quite receptive. We'll see what the weather brings and the wind and all that for this weekend, whether it firms up or not, but it played well.

Q. Does this crowd feel like home at all a little bit?

ADAM HADWIN: A little bit, certainly with the accents. I played with some guys in the pro-am that had thicker accents than me. Made me feel right at home, yeah.

Q. Is this a Fourth of July American celebration or three days belated Canada Day?

ADAM HADWIN: Yeah, you know, Hideki and I are kind of taking out the Fourth of July

celebration for the Americans so far. No, I mean, I feel like I'm a bit of an adopted American. My wife's American, I've got a green card, so it's home for me. You know, just happy to have a place to play.

Q. You're close enough, we'll claim you for one of our own.

ADAM HADWIN: Exactly.