

BILL HAAS (-4)

Q. Bill, the fine play continues. Nice start, bogey free.

BILL HAAS: Yeah, it was pretty good. It wasn't great, but it was good enough. Didn't birdie the par 5s, which are both pretty gettable if you hit good drives. So if I can get those tomorrow and just keep kind of hanging in there, hopefully I'll have a good weekend.

Q. Comfortable, familiar area. There's a lot of math this week, a lot of things sort of going on. What is it like to play here knowing you've got a lot of local support?

BILL HAAS: Yeah, this is always one of my favorite stops of the year. This week, obviously I'm playing for a lot with the try to make the Top 125 and all that stuff. But, you know, overall I'm just trying to enjoy this week, enjoy being close to home and whatever happens, happens.

Q. The course looked a little skippy yesterday and then we get all that rain last night, ball in hand today. How did it play as we get into the afternoon?

BILL HAAS: Yeah, I don't even know that we needed to play ball in hand other than the expectation of some storms coming up. With as much rain as we got last night, the course drained beautifully. I thought it was in great shape. Certainly the ball wasn't going as far as it was, but overall the course is spectacular and hopefully we don't get too much more rain.

Q. Bill, excellent start. If we can get some comments on your play.

BILL HAAS: Yeah, I played okay. Just made a nice save at the second hole, made about an 18-footer for par, so obviously that felt like a birdie. And I birdied the fourth hole right out of the gate, so went from one over to one under early, and then from there I just played solid, nothing spectacular. I think you'll see some good scores. Not much wind today, course is in great shape, so you'll see some nice low scores out there today.

Q. To come out here and start the way you did, that has to be good for your confidence.

BILL HAAS: Yeah. I mean, you certainly can't shoot -- you don't want to shoot yourself out of it on the first day. Typically the scores are usually pretty good here. Anywhere four to five under, you're not going to be leading, but you haven't shot yourself out of the tournament. So proud of that, and then hopefully this weekend we can do a little better.

Q. Talk about your game right now.

BILL HAAS: Yeah, it feels okay. The game overall, it's been a struggle for a couple years even, but you've got to do -- you've got to do your best week in and week out and expect to do well. I've had a few decent finishes the last few weeks, so got to ride that momentum and hopefully keep getting better, because I've got a long way to go, but I think I can still play out here, so hopefully can shoot something in the 60s each day.

Q. Does this event feel different for you this week given your position in the points race?

BILL HAAS: Maybe so. I mean, the last two years I'm in the same position as I was last year, so it feels the same as that. Certainly would like to be in the Top 30, which I've been there before as well in this position, and I think this week I'm a little more freed up when that's the case. But at the same time, I've got a chance to move into the Top 125 or even better if I have a great week this week. So I've got to go in with that mindset to do well and not to just do well enough. I would really like to have four good rounds, which I've had three good rounds in a few tournaments lately and I would love to string four together.

Q. What's been the biggest struggle for you this season in terms of the game?

BILL HAAS: Just getting the ball in the hole. I mean, guys shoot lower numbers than me, and if you don't finish high enough, then you move down the list. Just try to get it in the hole quicker and shoot lower scores and go from there. That's the best part about this game is you can always do better and there is no secret other than you've just got to make birdies and pars.