

RORY SABBATINI (-

Q. Rory, fine playing. I feel like we've been saying that a lot. I know that nine was one you'd probably like to have back, but probably could have been a lot lower the way you struck it today?

RORY SABBATINI: Yeah, you know, all things considered, I played great. Gave myself a lot of opportunities, lot of good looks and that's all you can hope for. Made a lot of putts and hopefully just keep trying to build on what I was doing today. Obviously scores will be fluctuating, but definitely a good start.

Q. Fifteen of 18 greens, you've been on just a great run of form the last couple of months. From your eyes, what has been the key to this really good fine run of play?

RORY SABBATINI: Well, a lot of it, I'm feeling healthier. I changed my diet, feel a little bit better that way. Secondly, feel like I've found the right equipment, which is ironic because I just switched out my equipment this week.

Q. When you make a change like that, a lot of guys here this week looking for something really special. For you this week, it's the culmination of a lot of work that's gone into it. Do you play free with the next couple weeks already sort of known to you?

RORY SABBATINI: Exactly. I came here, I'm kind of using this as a week to test out some new equipment and hopefully also put myself a little closer to that Top 30. Obviously that's where I want to get. I feel like I'm playing good, playing consistent, and so this is a little bit of a stress-free week, but also there is a little hidden agenda, I want to play well.

Q. Seven under, that's got to make you feel good.

RORY SABBATINI: Oh, definitely. This course has a history of being a low scoring event for four days, so there's no point in handicapping yourself from the get-go. I've done that a couple times this year and come back and gotten close. You know, I think I'm trying a new formula, get myself in position early.

Q. What happened in that bunker?

RORY SABBATINI: Yeah, I was aggressive all day. I tried to push the envelope all day out there. That's a hole that I've always traditionally hit driver off of and I just ever so barely pushed it, got myself in that fairway bunker. And that's Sedgefield's defense out there. Those fairway bunkers are not good spots to be. So yeah, just happens, but I went

aggressively and you are going to make some mistakes.

Q. (No microphone.)

RORY SABBATINI: No. Actually, I haven't really changed anything. Just kind of got my equipment sorted out, which ironically enough, I went and changed all my irons and most of my equipment this week just to do some testing and seems to be paying off pretty well, so I don't think my caddie's going to let me go back to my old equipment.