

**JORDAN SPIETH (-9)**

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**Q. Jordan, that was a hard-fought 18 holes out there. How did you keep such a good attitude?**

**JORDAN SPIETH:** Because it wasn't out of the ordinary from what I've been doing, unfortunately. You know, I was a little more off today. I went through a couple different swings, swing feels, which is not ideal. But I'm just trying to find a way to start the ball online, feel like the club's out in front of me and not so far behind me. You know, overall, take away the one swing on 15 that kind of hit the awning and went off the cart path and out of bounds and if that ends up -- it was a bad shot, but if it stays in play, I think I look at the round a little bit differently than just average.

**Q. But the putter's really working?**

**JORDAN SPIETH:** Yeah. I mean, overall, I mentioned it heading into this week, greens in regulation is the No. 1 important stat for me right now because of the way I feel holding the putter in my hand. Feels nice. I feel like I'm finding new and improved ways to kind of get through the swing a little bit better, and I have no reason not to trust it on the weekend, so excited for what that will hold.

**Q. Jordan, I thought today, big birdie putt at 17 and then that par save at 18, that kind of steadied the ship. Another good day for you.**

**JORDAN SPIETH:** Yeah, I thought those two -- yeah, I thought the exact same way, those two were massive. I felt like getting through that nine 1 under with kind of where I was was really good scoring. And then you come to the front side and if you play kind of smart golf, you're going to get some looks. You get more wedges on the front nine than the back. Overall, yeah, 3 under with kind of looking back on the way the round went about, pleased with it. Would like to improve tee to green and maintain the performance on the greens.

**Q. Paul said the hole looked like a bucket to you when I talked to him after the round. He said it was just a joy to play with three guys who were playing really well.**

**JORDAN SPIETH:** Yeah, it was. It's unusual to have 10 under, 9 under, 9 under in the same group for two rounds. We all had a blast. I mean, different guys birdieing different holes, but when you see other putts go in, it certainly makes it look a little bigger before you even hit your putt. Just adds a little bit of an added mentality to it. Won't be rooting for as many putts to go in over the weekend from my players I'm playing with, but all in all, yeah, the hole looks bigger right now. I've got to continue to focus very much on my speed out here and certainly trust in the reads.

**Q. On the driving range you were working with the driver, doing some things with it. Were you happy with what you were getting?**

**JORDAN SPIETH:** No, not yet. I'm still looking for a way to get the club out in front of me; it's just behind. And from a club that's behind, you really only have one ball flight, and if you don't pull that ball flight off, it can go pretty far offline. It's something that you don't really see professionals struggle with a lot. I've been trying to bring myself out of a little bit of a hole with it.

You know, it seems easy to just say cast it out in front, but unfortunately, it's just not coming that easy to me. I'll continue to work on it. It's better than it was a couple months ago, which is better than it was a couple months before that. So it's progressing, and on a golf course that's this tight, it really tests my patience level and my zeroing in.

**Q. Were you mixing in more 3-woods and utility woods off the tee or were you pretty much the same as yesterday?**

**JORDAN SPIETH:** Yeah, I think I hit the exact same club on every hole as yesterday. I didn't change anything today.

**Q. Were you working off of last night this time on 18?**

**JORDAN SPIETH:** Yeah, 18, I told Michael when we got to the tee that if it's not in the middle of the trees, it was a mistake. I just, when it's blind -- the cart paths are just so inconveniently placed. I almost think of them as the out-of-bounds markers because if any of them hit the cart path, they go out of bounds. So that hole just looks tighter to me than it is. On the weekend it should be a bit easier, it's just a bit easier to trust I think on a Saturday, and hopefully in a position Sunday to stripe one down and have a chance to win the tournament.

**Q. There's been a lot of rain. How much were the conditions a factor out there today?**

**JORDAN SPIETH:** You know, you could definitely tell in the fairways, but the course didn't play much different at all. Ideally, you would like to see the course firm and fast, you would like to see that every week, but this course is phenomenal either way. Just makes it play a little bit longer and it makes the fairways a little bit wider.