KEVIN SUTHERLAND



Q. They're still talking about that round, the record here.

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: Well, I've actually had some people talk to me about it in the last couple days, just players. It was a crazy day. I don't know what to say. I was only 1 under par after five holes and just went crazy, what did I birdie, 11 of the next 13.

Q. Did it just feel easy?

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: It did. Sometimes that stuff, it just happens because it does feel easy, like there's just no effort. It gets to the point where you just feel like you're going to make birdies.

The one thing that's nice is you feel like you kind of like, I've used this word before, you feel like you get hungry a little bit, you just want more birdies. You feel like you're just --

Q. All of a sudden a par becomes bad?

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: It feels that way a little bit. You feel like you're just kind of hungry for more birdies so you just kind of stay aggressive. You're not trying to be conservative or anything like that. Not that you're being overly aggressive, but you're still being aggressive to the point where you're trying to make more birdies. It's kind of the way that day went.

There's a lot of luck involved and stuff. I hit a lot of shots really close to the hole, too, so I had a lot of easy birdies, which is always nice.

But then I know towards the end of the round I started making a bunch of 15-, 20-footers for birdie, which are always kind of nice. To have those go in in sequence of three, four in a row is unusual and that's kind of what I did coming in.

Q. Scott Parel said that you're the guy on tour that people should be most scared of, that you could be low at any time. Do you feel like that? Do you feel like you're that dude?

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: I feel like, I don't know. Sometimes I feel like that stuff just happens, you know, and I don't necessarily go to the course thinking, hey, today's the day that I'm going to shoot 60 or 62.

Q. Or 59.

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: Or 59. But I feel like -- I do feel like when I start getting some momentum going that I stay -- I feel like I'm going to shoot a good score. Feel like if I get 5 under after seven or something like that, I feel like this is a chance for me to shoot something really good, you know, and not necessarily shoot like 67.

Q. Now, Scott benefited last year when you came back to earth on Sunday, but you guys have had those two playoffs this year, so if there's revenge to be had, you've had it?

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: Revenge is a strong word. You know, yeah, he played a great last round. I think I had 17 birdies and I birdied the last hole for my only birdie of the day, which is so funny because the day before like you couldn't stop them from coming. It's a little bit like golf, there's a margin of luck involved. I mean, sometimes shots just end up close to the hole as opposed to 15 feet. So there's a bit of that going on. The day on Saturday was just kind of my day. There is an aspect of it and I don't think anybody knows why, sometimes it's not that easy to follow up.

Q. Oh, yeah. Isn't that pretty true in golf, though?

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: It is. Sometimes it's not as easy to follow up a great round with another even good round.

Q. Is that actually a golf truism?

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: People talk about it. You know, when you see someone shoot 63-64, that's pretty impressive. It's easy to shoot 63-70 or 63-71. I've heard people say one thing, I think, one reason for that is that's our norm. You know, 68 to 71 is the norm, so you kind of go back to your norm a little bit. But Scott played a great last round.

Q. Oh, yeah.

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: So there's no -- I don't think there's any sort of revenge. This year's been a little bit different, you know. We've had both ends of it, too. At Mississippi he kind of came from behind to tie, and then at Principal in Des Moines it was the opposite where he had the lead and I kind of came from behind and tied and we ended up in a playoff.

Q. And Mississippi, that was a two-day playoff, wasn't it?

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: Seven holes, yeah. She remembers because she had to come back the next day.

Q. Yeah, Kevin became my least favorite player.

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: She had to come back the next day. She wasn't as happy as some

other people.

Q. And it just got too dark?

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: It was dark. I mean, when we -- we played five holes on Sunday. When we putted out on the fifth hole, it was really dark. It was pretty hard to see. And Scott and I are both the same way, we both wanted to finish that day. We didn't want to come back the next day, either. It worked out really well for me, you like to finish it that day.

Both of us, I mean, most likely we probably shouldn't have played that fifth hole that day, but they left it up to us and we said, yeah, let's do it. We were hoping not to have to come back the next day.

Q. If it had been just a club championship or something, at your level you're perfectly capable of playing in the dark, right?

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: Well, it's not so much -- I mean, the tee shots and being able to see where you're going is not -- is important obviously, but not as important as the putting. Being able to -- you know, your depth perception and also being able to green read, if it's dark it's just impossible to do it. The issues for us that fifth hole weren't necessarily tee to green, it was on the green it was pretty dark.

Q. It's 125 yards.

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: Well, we knew where we were going. We already played the hole, what, six times now that day? I guess five times that day. It wasn't like we were being fooled by anything. We knew where we wanted to land the ball on the green and we knew how we wanted to play the hole, that wasn't the issue. The issue was putting.

Q. The best hole on this course is what, the best two?

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: You know, there are some holes that I really like. I like No. 4 a lot, it's a pretty hole, you know. You hit a good tee shot, it's not necessarily a very hard hole, but if you don't hit a good tee shot, just hit it in the rough, you don't have to miss the fairway by a little bit, it's a hard shot into that green. The green kind of runs away, it's a small target, so it's a bit of a -- I think it's a really good hole.

I like No. 5 a lot. No. 18's a great finishing hole, it really is. It's a risk -- risk-reward might be a stretch. You can make -- I mean, you can make an eagle.

Q. There's trouble there.

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: There's trouble. It's not an easy second shot if you're going for the green and you can make an eagle, but you can make a real quick five or six pretty fast. It's a good finishing hole, so a lot of things can happen there.

I would put those at the top of the list.

Q. Are you hungry to win this tournament based on kind of how it played out last year?

KEVIN SUTHERLAND: I've played well here in the past. I lost in a playoff to Woody Austin and Bernhard where all three of us were in a playoff and Bernhard won the playoff, and then last year I had a great chance to win and it didn't happen.

Yeah, I love the place, I love Seattle, I love the northwest. I'm kind of a West Coast guy, so it's nice to be out here, so it would be great to win here.

And I feel good about how I'm playing right now. I think when you come back to places that you played well in the past, you kind of get good feelings, you know. I hope I don't have to shoot 60 to do it. I hope it doesn't -- I hope I can put together three rounds in the middle somewhere, it would be great.