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STEPHEN LEANEY (-10)



Q. So you had six birdies today. Obviously the birdies were out there. What was working for you today?

STEPHEN LEANEY: I'm just making more putts from 10 to 15 feet and I haven't done that all year. I've been hitting it pretty well the last couple months, but if you don't hole putts out here, it doesn't really matter how you hit it. I just made a couple -- I made two poor swings today and they both led to bogeys. That's unfortunate. But obviously Freddie's playing pretty well, so there are low scores out there. You just have to go and be patient and just hit it in the right spots.

Q. What do you think you're going to have to do tomorrow to catch Freddie?

STEPHEN LEANEY: Well, it depends on what he does. If he shoots under 70, I think it's all over. You don't really focus on what someone else is doing, you just have to attack when you can attack. Hopefully the pins are in some pretty good spots like they were today and just go from there. It's just the old clichè, just got to play your own game and see what happens.

Q. What has been your approach on 14 and how will your game shift tomorrow if you need to get a little more aggressive?

STEPHEN LEANEY: Well, yesterday I drove it on to 12 feet and made eagle, and I got lucky because I wasn't trying to hit it there, I pulled it. Today I did the same thing and I was trying to hit it right and I pulled it again, but I managed to get up and down from 50. It's just one of those holes, it's all wind dependent, pin placement dependent. Just a difficult shot for some reason. It's hard to pick the right target down there because it's so open. Just one of those holes. You've just got to make the right committed swing and hopefully hit it on the right line.

Q. Does this course suit your game well?

STEPHEN LEANEY: I would have thought last week would have suited me better because it was really narrow. I played really well last week up until the last day. But I've just been doing a lot of things well this week. Just have to adapt to the golf course you're playing. Just work on your game plan and try to execute it.

Q. Do you think if the rain comes, that maybe brings the leaderboard a little tighter?

STEPHEN LEANEY: Not really, because the greens haven't really been as firm as what

they have been in the past from all accounts and that's why the scores are really low. I don't think they can get them a whole lot firmer, so it's really where the pins are tomorrow.