



HENRIK STENSON (-8)

Q. As it stands right now, you're tied for second place. You must be proud of the position you put yourself in coming into the weekend.

HENRIK STENSON: Yeah, absolutely. I had a bit of a slow start to my round. I was dropping a shot on the second and made a birdie on the seventh to turn level par and really give myself -- hit some good shots and scrambled well when I needed to and made five birdies coming home. Yeah, that's always a good day out there. You know, probably hit three or four really good iron shots and gave myself some really nice birdie putts as a consequence. Hopefully more of the same in the next couple of days.

Q. Trickier today or trickier yesterday?

HENRIK STENSON: No, I would say the wind was up more yesterday so I think it was a tougher day yesterday all in all, even though there's always a couple holes when you're playing into the wind and a few sneaky pin positions here and there, but I would say the course played easier today with less wind and I think the scoring would suggest that.

Q. Is this as comfortable as you've felt on this course?

HENRIK STENSON: Yeah, I mean, I'm fairly happy with my game. I actually probably felt a little bit better yesterday tee to green, but I guess some of the shots would argue because I hit some good iron shots today as well. So just see if we can keep it going. And yeah, it's a course where you get plenty of birdie chances if you're playing well, but it can also bite back on a couple of tougher ones. Especially 17 and 18 both yesterday and today are, even though it was definitely easier coming home today, it's still quite demanding shots coming in the last couple of holes there.

Q. You left a couple of shots out there, a couple of very short birdie putts, especially on the front nine when I was walking with you.

HENRIK STENSON: Yeah, missed one or two good chances, but I didn't really leave anything out there on the back nine. So ebbs and flows, you've just got to keep the patience and trying to hit good points on the lines you want to. Sometimes you misread them and sometimes you don't quite hit them the way you want to, but all in all I think I've done a pretty good job cleaning up on the greens right now, so don't jinx my putting now.

Q. On the last shot on to the 18th, the second shot, can you just describe that?

HENRIK STENSON: Yeah, I had 170 meters, wind in off the right and played a nice 6-iron.

Took a little bit off it and yeah, just came out nicely and the wind took it back to the pin and left me still a tricky putt, though. It was four and a half feet down the hill with a little bit of break. So those are no gimmees, but I think most of the guys would have taken that birdie putt today on the last.

Q. Henrik, you've had a special relationship with your 3-wood for many years. Can you just say why?

HENRIK STENSON: Well, the one I had that special relationship with, that one's back in Orlando in the garage because it's broken. The face caved in a couple of weeks ago, so we've been getting a new one. So I guess I'm out there on a 3-wood honeymoon with my new Epic Flash 3-wood. It's cooperating, most of the time when I do what I should, so I think I've got to keep on putting good swings on it if I want the club to perform.

Q. You have confidence with it?

HENRIK STENSON: Yeah. I mean, it's always a bit of a getting used to period when you change equipment, but I think we found a pretty good weapon in this new one as well. So yeah, we keep on working with that one.