

**JORDAN SPIETH (-2)**

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**Q. Birdie on 18, how big was that to get something out of the day and get some momentum going into the North Course tomorrow?**

**JORDAN SPIETH:** Yeah, you know, my previous birdie was No. 9 and I felt like I had quite a few good looks at it on the difficult back nine, so it's always nice to close with a birdie. I feel like I kind of gave one back I didn't need to on 17, so to kind of capitalize there, shoot 2 under, that's -- to be within four going to the North Course is nice. I know there was a 6 on the South today, but all in all, you're trying to kind of get to -- 2 under I'd take every day I played the South Course, especially when that kind of marine layer kicks in, it's a little colder.

**Q. We started off playing a Farmers and ended up at an Open Championship there for a while there when that rolled in. What's the recipe for tomorrow? Find a few more fairways, do you think that will maybe find a 5, 6, 7 under out there on the North side playing from the short grass?**

**JORDAN SPIETH:** Yeah. Actually, I think I hit a lot of fairways today, I probably hit 11 or 12 out of 14. I felt really good about the way I drove the ball, especially given that was where I'm trying to improve off of last season. These fairways are tough to hit, so obviously the North Course being a little bit more gettable, fairways are going to be important.

For me, it's really just greens in regulation. If I miss a fairway but I'm missing it in the right spots, I can still, you know, attack these greens given they're softer. Right now just give myself enough putts. I feel good with the putter blade in my hand and the goal would be to try and shoot around 4 tomorrow.

**Q. Just opening comments on how you felt it went?**

**JORDAN SPIETH:** Yeah, felt good. I was kind of -- came off of yesterday with a little momentum the last kind of nine holes I played in the pro-am. Prior to that I was kind of still searching a little bit. I really felt like I trusted what we've been working on today, which was going to be the most difficult thing; if it feels uncomfortable, still to trust it.

I felt like I drove the ball really well on a difficult South Course. And then that was about as long as I ever remember playing that golf course with that marine layer kicking in and it just being very soft, the fairways being very soft. So 2 under's a good score on that course any day.

**Q. You said earlier this week you kind of felt anxious to get going again playing. You**

**hadn't played since China. Did you have that same feeling when you teed off today?**

**JORDAN SPIETH:** Yeah, first hole, it felt like the first hole of a major. It's been a while. I was anxious to get going. It was nice to hit a couple good shots into the first. I missed a couple putts inside 10 feet to start, but then really started to get it going there when one fell on six and I putted the ball well from there on in.

I'm proud of the greens in regulation stat today. Felt like I hit a lot of fairways and greens. It's just difficult to make birdies, like I mentioned, on the South Course. Tough to get at some of those pins. I felt like the front nine was gettable. The back nine, every pin was the hardest pin. We'll go over to the North -- looks like some guys were able to get 4, 5, 6 under -- and try and be patient over there.